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Dear Parents and Carers

### **RE: Remote learning update and expectations**

We absolutely understand the difficulties that many families will face now their child is unable to attend school. As a school we are committed to preventing the anxieties that many faced during the first lockdown related to home education.

Home education is a daunting situation for all. Many parents now find themselves in a situation where they need to home educate their child/ren but still need to work.

The government and DFE have set high expectations of schools to ensure that children receive an outstanding remote learning package that minimises the impact on children's educational progress.

As a school, we have brought together leaders and teachers to discuss the aspirations and expectations of the Government and the practicalities of maintaining an 'in school education' for vulnerable and critical worker children, alongside the education of children who are at home.

We want to provide the best to all of our children, and therefore have tried to provide a home learning package that mirrors what is happening with the children in school.

The information that follows is a detailed account of our plans so that you are fully informed. Our aim is to review this in 2 weeks' time.

#### Home / Remote learning package for F2

**A new work pack will be available for collection from the music room between 1pm and 5pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January.**

The timetable for your child's remote learning schedule for the next 2 weeks will be uploaded to our website under 'curriculum / home learning' by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm. A copy will be included in your child's work pack.

Work will also be set on Tapestry. We are encouraging you to post pictures and videos daily onto Tapestry so that teachers can see how the children are progressing with their learning. If you need support to access this please contact the EYFS email address below.

### Home / Remote learning package for Y1 – Y6

The timetable for your child's remote learning schedule for the next 2 weeks will be uploaded to our website under 'curriculum / home learning' by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm. A copy will be included in your child's work pack.

**A new work pack will be available for collection from the music room between 1pm and 5pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January.**

At this time staff will be available in the music room if you have any questions or queries.

**We will open up the music room every Friday afternoon from 1pm in case you need any additional learning resources, such as stationary, or if you have any queries.**

### Live teaching sessions

We feel strongly that we need to minimise the impact of the national lockdown on children's education and therefore it is essential that your child attends the live teaching sessions. We hope that this will reduce the pressure on parents to educate their children themselves.

Currently we are using Zoom to provide these sessions.

- The link will be sent to parent's phones prior to the session starting.
- Ensure your child has all the resources he/she needs i.e. exercise book and pencil
- Presentation standards should be high – the work will come back into school to be marked.
- A register has been taken at the start of the session.
- We can not see all of the children on screen, so unable to see clearly if a child wants to ask a question.
- We are trying to record the sessions in case you are unable to access them at the times given – further details to follow.

### Access to remote learning

Children will need access to a device in order to access these sessions. We are aware that for some families, they may need more than one device.

Currently you need a device that allows access to Zoom and internet research only.

Please be aware that old mobile phones can provide this access. Without SIM cards mobile phones will still provide access to the internet.



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We have signed up to the BBC Give a Laptop Scheme. You can find out more at this link [BBC - Give a laptop](#)

We have a small number of devices in school, however we have to allocate these on a needs/priority basis and will not have enough to meet the current level of demand. Please bear with us whilst we organise this.

### **Welfare checks**

We will again make a welfare telephone call to all of our families each week. If you miss the call, please ring us back. This call is a 'check in' to make sure you have everything you need and share information with you. The calls will be made by dedicated staff, so if you need to share anything with the class teacher, please let the member of staff know and he/she will pass on this information.

Please be aware that the call will be from a withheld/unknown number.

### **Communication**

Central queries should be sent to: [BR-admin@vennacademy.org](mailto:BR-admin@vennacademy.org)

The following email addresses are accessed by teachers and support staff working in the phase and should be used for direct queries and questions related to learning. Please note that we will aim to respond within 48 hours however as you will appreciate, the demands placed on staff currently are extremely high, so please be patient with us.

EYFS: [BRK-EYFS@vennacademy.org](mailto:BRK-EYFS@vennacademy.org)

KS1: [BRK-KS1@vennacademy.org](mailto:BRK-KS1@vennacademy.org)

LKS2: [BRK-LKS2@vennacademy.org](mailto:BRK-LKS2@vennacademy.org)

UKS2: [BRK-UKS2@vennacademy.org](mailto:BRK-UKS2@vennacademy.org)

We are trying our best for all of our families. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please get in touch.

Kind regards  
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Head of School