

NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 18

Dear Parent/s / Carer/s

Remote Learning Review

Whilst we remain proud of the work currently being provided by teachers, we have collated practice across the school and discussed this with staff and the leadership team this week. As a result, should capacity and health allow, after half term we will seek to ensure the following:

Reception, 1 and 2 will:

- Continue to send a two-weekly pack via ParentMail
- Maintain telephone and email communication along with recording pupils' engagement with work
- Twice-weekly Zoom sessions
- A link to the OAK Academy for at least one subject each week
- Be clear which pieces of work need to be submitted via email every week so that teachers are able to reply to your child with praise and feedback for their work

We believe that this regular contact is important; it allows us to see how well your child is responding to the current situation and engaging with the curriculum. It also, hopefully helps to motivate your child and will give useful feedback on their work.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will:

- Host a class Google Meet activity once a week
- Host a daily online register stream through Google Classroom
- Host a second daily online stream at another time
- Provide up to a maximum of 6 LOOM assisted PowerPoints or similar, 3 or 4 of which will be English subject based (with the class teacher speaking/teaching over the PowerPoint)
- Provide written or recorded verbal (MOTE) feedback on 2 specific agreed pieces of work each week
- Maintain telephone and email communication
- Maintain records of pupils' engagement with work, phone calls and using Google Classroom stream to best support your child

Parental Liaison

We ask that we work together as below to help support our pupils off site:

Parent/s/Carer/s

- Remain positive about the home learning experiences

- Support your child in creating a daily/weekly schedule
- Be available for your weekly telephone call
- Seek advice and support from the school if you need it
- Be respectful when highlighting any concerns you have
- Enjoy the flexibility of adding to or adapting the curriculum provision to benefit or support your child and their individual needs and stage of development
- Enjoy regular breaks
- Make the school aware if your child is sick or otherwise can't complete work
- Use the year group emails to message your teacher in you are finding a particular topic/piece of work challenging – try to limit this to 3 times a week
- Support your child in submitting work through Google Classroom or the year group email

School

We recognise that some pupils may not have suitable online access at home. We take the following approaches to support those pupils to access remote education:

1. Let school know immediately if access to online learning becomes an issue eg: your device breaks down, as we may be able to provide one for you
2. We will print all work set by the class teacher and post this to the family or prepare it for pick up at the office
3. We will stay in touch with families by internet and by phone
4. There are Government schemes for enabling internet access that we research on an individual basis alongside parents who want this help

Our Inclusion Lead, Mrs Rhodes, will liaise with parents of SEND children to ensure they are supported in remote learning by email or phone and will seek to ensure that all children with an EHCP or identified additional needs have appropriate provision for remote learning if they are not attending school.

As leads in Child Protection, Mr Gildea or Mrs Rhodes will liaise directly with social care and families of vulnerable pupils not attending school.

Teachers will refer any concerns regarding pupils off site that are not accessing home learning to the Senior Leadership Team who will then seek to support families where engagement in activities, and the returning of work related to agreed outcomes, is not evident.

Tips for Home Learning

Whilst we know every child and family home is different, below are some ideas that you may find useful to help manage Home Learning:

Infants

- ★ Encourage and praise your child
- ★ Nominate a regular work time and space
- ★ Choice and independence are important
- ★ Organise your resources
- ★ Understand what to do when the work is handed out
- ★ Research should be presented in the pupils' own way
- ★ Ask for help if required
- ★ Give feedback to the teacher
- ★ Enjoy!

Juniors

Children should;

- ✓ have a regular time and place for their work
- ✓ have the right equipment for the tasks
- ✓ show they understand the task by explaining it to you before starting
- ✓ work independently (with breaks if needed)
- ✓ ask for help if they are unsure of what is expected or how to continue
- ✓ **stop** if the task takes too long or they are becoming distressed

Parents can help by;

- ✓ remaining calm and positive
- ✓ encouraging and praising all efforts
- ✓ asking your child to explain their ideas and methods (they may be different from the ones you use)
- ✓ informing the teacher if your child struggled
- ✓ encouraging a routine

Sussex School Virtual Games

Congratulations to Coral H in Year 1 and Harry W in Year 6 who earned extra team points for their honorary mention for participating in the Virtual Games. Your efforts are much appreciated by your team mates!

Sumdog Top 6

We've had some astonishing scores for Sumdog this half term so would like to share the top 6 with you:

Position	Pupil	Class	House	Total	Team Points
1	Max A	Y1 Oak	Owlbeech	5821	5
2	Linus R	Y2 Silver Birch	Owlbeech	5596	4
3	Victor L	Y6 Whitebeam	Ashdown	4646	3
4	Meredith D	Y4 Lime	St Leonard's	4093	2
Joint 5	CJ Gould	Y5 Hawthorn	Ashdown	4033	1
	Steven W	Y3 Hazel	Tilgate	4033	1

Amazing work, for which we have awarded you bonus team points!

Times Table Rockstars

Great to see so many pupils enjoying this resource, too! Below are the team points awarded with totals taken from 4th January to 9th February:

Position	House	Totals	Team Points
1	Owlbeech	109, 575	5
2	Ashdown	60, 985	3

3	St Leonard's	57, 833	2
4	Tilgate	43, 090	1

Impressive effort, Owlbeech!

Team Points

The final standings at the end of this half term are as follows:

1	St Leonard's	70
2	Owlbeech and Ashdown	58
4	Tilgate	54

Congratulations to St Leonard's, who have managed to extend their lead and good luck to everyone for what promises to be a close competition yet again this year.

Half Term

Finally, watch out for a World Book Day Challenge coming up after half term – you'll need to be able to recommend a book in just 3 words, so you might like to start thinking now! Make the most of half term everyone – we hope to see you all as soon as we're allowed and look forward to any announcement that brings that day closer.

Kind regards

M Gildea

Headteacher