

# High Bank Junior, Infant & Nursery School

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## **Information if your child is remote learning from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to update you on how remote learning will look from next week. The expectation of what is required of children in this lockdown **is very different** to the last lockdown. The Government have said that all schools have a statutory obligation to ensure that children are engaging in remote learning.

We have put together this question and answer sheet which we hope you will find informative

What is important is that the children continue with their learning, so if they are not completing their work, we will ring you to see how we can help you.

As parents and carers, you have done an amazing job with the home learning this week and I was so proud to see that the **vast majority** of children were live online today with their teachers from Reception to Year 6. Well done.

Please remember that we are here to help, so if you need anything please message through Facebook, email or phone. As a parent myself, I know that home learning can be difficult. Many of the staff in school are teaching as well as completing home learning with their own children, so we are all in this together.

On behalf of the Governors and Staff, many thanks for your continued support.

Stay safe.

Kind Regards

Mrs K Chubb

Headteacher



## **Remote Learning at High Bank**

### **Information for Parents/Carers**

#### **What have the Government asked schools to do?**

The Government have told schools that the remote education we provide should be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school and will include both recorded or live direct teaching time, and time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently. The Government have said that all schools have a statutory obligation to ensure that children are engaging in remote learning so this will include monitoring if children have completed their learning each day.

The amount of remote education provided should be, as a minimum:

- Key Stage 1: 3 hours a day on average across the cohort, with less for younger children
- Key Stage 2: 4 hours a day

#### **What will remote learning at High Bank look like?**

From WB 11<sup>th</sup> January, our remote learning will look different to last time. Their learning timetable will be accessed through TEAMS and not the school website. All of the activities and tasks for each day will be in there. Please make sure that you have this app downloaded onto your device. The children will need their login and password, these details can be found in their home learning folder (given out in September) or in their reading record. If you cannot find the passwords then please contact school.

All of the children's learning will be uploaded to TEAMS daily, the children will need to complete it and send it back virtually through TEAMS or purple mash. This will then be marked and we will feedback. There are three really useful short videos on the school website, which explain everything parents need to know, please take some time to watch these. These can be found in the classes section on the school website. Click on your child's year group and you can find them in the Teams learning tab.

Our remote learning will be a blended approach of live sessions, independent activities and pre-recorded lessons. The children will be accessing activities from platforms in the previous lockdown, such as purple mash and Oak Academy so the children will already be familiar with this. Each school is doing this differently, we think that this is the best way for **our** children and **our** school.

#### **What will remote learning look like in Early years?**

Nursery will access their learning through Tapestry, which parents are already familiar with.

In Reception, parents will access learning through TEAMS but can send photos and evidence of work through Tapestry if they wish.

### **What do I need to prepare as a parent/carer?**

- Download TEAMS to your device.
- Check it works with the password.
- Get out the folder that was given to your child in **September**, this was put together in the event of bubble closure or lockdown. There will be passwords stuck in the folder as well as exercise books and pencils, if you have used the books or can't find the passwords, please let us know.

### **What are the expectations of remote learning?**

- Every child will complete the remote learning set each day and return virtually to school.
- Each child will follow the class code as they would in school.
- The same high standards of work in school are expected at home.
- Children will enter live sessions at the time set and only when the teacher is present.
- Children do not use the posts on TEAMS to chat to each other. Messages posted should only be for the teacher about their work.
- Children do not need to wear school uniform at home, but they will need to be appropriately dressed. Children will not be allowed to wear their Pyjamas.

### **How will I read with my child?**

Many of you used Oxford Owl online in the last lockdown. In September, we subscribed fully to them so your child can access all of the books they would in school. Please keep a record of what they are reading in their reading record book. An Oxford Owl leaflet was sent out previously with their login details. If you need a reminder, please contact us.

### **What should I do if I need help?**

We have a team in school to help parents with any technical issues. You can contact us on the school mobile numbers, the main school line, the school email or on Facebook messenger, we are here to help. If pupils need help throughout the school day, they can message on the posts in TEAMS and a member of staff will be able to help.