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## Remote learning update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Given we now know most children will not be returning to school until at least after February half term, we thought it was important we revisited our Remote Learning Provision to ensure we are continuing to provide children with the best education possible under the circumstances. As mentioned in Mr Wilson's previous letter, as a school we will continue to provide recorded videos blended with some live sessions. Outlined below are some other key changes we would like to make you aware of that will be starting next week:

#### **EYFS**

Reception staff will begin providing live daily Story Sessions. Each Teacher or Nursery Nurse will lead a live Zoom session for their own class. Nursery Staff will provide these sessions every other day (Monday, Wednesday & Friday). Details of these will be sent by your child's Class Teacher or Nursery Nurse. Where possible these will be recorded and uploaded onto Tapestry.

#### Key Stage 1 and 2

Teachers will provide four recorded lessons a week for English, with the fifth being a planned activity. For Maths, Teachers will now provide their own videos that supplement White Rose Hub two to three times a

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week. In these supplementary videos they will model how to use various strategies and/or answer set questions/problems.

**Highfield Daily Morning Greeting Sessions** will also start from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 for KS1 and 2. These will be live Google Meets sessions open to all pupils. Here Teachers and/or Support Staff might outline the day, pose a Brain Teaser or



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may even wake the children up with something more active! Sessions for Year 1/2 will happen daily at 8:45, for Year 3/4 at 9:00 and for Year 5/6 at 9:15. There may be some occasions where a degree of flexibility is required with these times but if this is the case, your child's Class Teacher will be in touch directly. We are hoping as many of our children as possible will attend these sessions and that it will support our parents/carers in establishing a daily routine for getting your children up and ready for a day of learning.

Every child in KS1 and 2 will continue to have access to one small group session a week with their Teacher/Teaching Assistant. The focus of these weekly sessions will be based on the needs of the children in the class. Some weeks they may choose to focus on an element of the learning children have found tricky, others they may focus on wellbeing and general connectedness.

For Early Years Teachers and Nursery Nurses will continue to be in contact with their children and parents/carers via phone calls. Once a fortnight in Nursery, once a week for Reception children.

#### Submitting work on google classroom

Where possible, we are asking that all Maths and English assignments are submitted by 4pm daily. This is in order to enable Teachers and Support Staff time to mark and feedback, and also to adapt subsequent lessons if there are any common difficulties or misconceptions. We do however recognise that this deadline is not possible for all of our families so please do still submit work daily after this deadline where necessary. If Maths/English work is submitted after 4pm, although it may not be marked that day, it will be acknowledged the next time the Teacher / Teaching Assistant is marking. Given there are some families where submitting work daily is not an option at all, if you do submit work at the weekends please note that although your

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child's Class Teacher will look at their work, it may not always be marked. Marking is designed to be relatively instant and should inform Teachers future planning/lessons and enable Teachers to offer support where needed. We fully understand the need for some of you to upload work at the weekend, and although when a Teacher looks at this it will inform them as to your child's progress, this will not allow for timely support hence if your

child submits work at the weekend, marking it may not always be beneficial to your child.

# Submitting work on Tapestry for Early Years only (Nursery and Reception).

It is important that you share some of the suggested activities and tasks that your children have completed so that the Early Years staff can acknowledge them with a comment or a like. We love to see all the wonderful things that your children are doing.

Please be assured that as a school we are committed to ensuring we are providing the pupils at Highfield high quality remote provision while the school building remains closed to the majority of pupils.

Yours Sincerely,

Stephanie Morton
Deputy Headteacher

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