



Dear parents and carers

8 January 2021

Thank you for your patience and support throughout the current lockdown situation. We have been able to keep the academy open throughout which has supported many families given the short timescale we have been presented with this week. We have now made all of our planned adaptations to our home learning provision which is outlined below. Our acceptable use policy will also need to be read and signed by a parent and your child before your child can access live learning. This policy is also attached to this letter. Please return this as soon as possible.

From Monday 11th January, those pupils at home will continue to have access to Google Classroom or paper resources as requested, but will also be able to log onto a live morning welcome from a teacher in their year group and live or recorded teaching / modelling of the concepts being taught that day. We will also be adding live or recorded story time sessions and lesson links.

The format of the day / week will be as follows:

- Work will be released at 3 points during the day as per the timetable below and deadlines set to support teachers in their ability to respond. However, the work will remain on Google Classroom indefinitely so that you can still access this at any point should you need additional time or flexibility to complete the task set. This task can be uploaded before 4:30pm on any day for a teacher response, but we do strongly recommend that you stick to the timetable set.
- Where work is set in phases, children can complete all phases if they choose, or start at the phase that they feel ready for and challenge themselves to reach greater depth.
- If you feel that your child is not ready for the phases set, please contact the office as we are preparing paper packs as necessary.
- Teachers will upload live or recorded input clips that will model and teach the skill for that session. Not all sessions will necessitate this, but where this is appropriate, the clip will be available on Google Classroom when the work is uploaded.
- **On Monday, as with all new initiatives, please bear in mind that there may be some technical hiccups and issues. We will aim to solve these as soon as possible but request your respect and patience with this.**

9:00am: Live teacher greeting. A link will be added to the top of the Google Classroom by one of your teachers. Please click the link to join the greeting. You may have your video stream on but **MUST** mute yourself before you join. Please see the acceptable use policy.

9.15am: English work will be uploaded with a teacher modelled video, when appropriate.

10.15am: All requested English work must be uploaded to the Google Classroom by the pupils to allow sufficient time for teachers to respond and acknowledge.

10:15am: Teacher response time. Handwriting practise.

11:00am: Maths work will be uploaded with a teacher modelled video, when appropriate.

12:00pm: All requested maths work must be uploaded to the Google Classroom by the pupils.

12:00pm - 12:30pm: Teacher response time. Times Table Rockstars for 15 minutes.

12:30pm - 1:00pm: Lunch time.

1:00pm - 1:30pm: Reading time. Please choose an age-appropriate text to read independently or with an adult. Links to online stories, read by the authors, may also be uploaded by year groups.

1:30pm - 2:45pm: Afternoon work will be uploaded with a teacher modelled video, when appropriate. This will be a mixture of topic, science, creative and PE work.

2:45pm: All requested afternoon work must be uploaded to the Google Classroom by the pupils.

3:00pm: On Mondays and Fridays, Mrs Quarrie and Mr Tharme will host a live, whole-school assembly. The link will be uploaded to the Google Classroom for you to join.

4:30pm: Teachers will not be responding to Google Classroom after 4:30pm.

**PE days:** Your PE days remain the same as they were before lockdown. On these afternoons, your child will be given physical activities to complete and will not be expected to upload any work to Google Classroom. Please feel free to use this time to enjoy physical activities as a family, if you prefer.

<b>Monday:</b> Year 4	<b>Tuesday:</b> Year 3	<b>Wednesday:</b> Year 5	<b>Thursday:</b> Year 6
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**On PE days, your class teacher will not be contactable in the afternoons.**

**If you prefer that your child did NOT join any of these live links, simply do not click on the links that appear on Google classroom. Please let us know if you have made this choice. Thank you.**

To ensure that children have the opportunity to continue writing by hand as well as opportunities for use of technology, we will be setting some work that will be recorded on paper. When this is the case, we request that a photograph is taken of the work and uploaded to the Google Classroom. Some work will continue to be submitted by a Google quiz or through Google Docs.

Please email the office by Monday 11th January, if you require an exercise book to record your child's work and we will send this to you.

There is a support sheet regarding the use of Google Classroom on the school website to support you with any technical issues you may have. Please find it here: <https://www.ocean-aspirations.org/parents-information/home-learning/>

We have also been told that there are a number of guidance tools available which show you how to use Google Classroom through Playstation or Xbox, if this is something you wish to explore. We have not had any experience of this and we leave this to your discretion.

We have also been made aware of a 'Guardian Summary' tool on Google Classroom for parents and carers to use which notifies you of your child's activity in the Google Classroom. This may be something you wish to explore.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you once again for your support and positive feedback regarding our tireless work during this time.

Best wishes

*J. Quarrie*

Mrs J Quarrie

Principal



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