

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Remote Learning Plan - Parent Guide

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for bearing with us whilst we make a comprehensive plan for remote learning for the pupils of Blackwater. We have put together this plan from our experience and feedback we received from the last lockdown, along with additional knowledge we have learnt in the recent weeks.

We hope you find it works well for you and your family at this time.

The government expectation for Primary School age children for remote learning is '3 hours a day'. Our guidance, like last time is yes, to have high expectations for your child but do what you can. The mental well-being of your child is far more important than finishing all the challenges your teacher sets. Saying that, a good routine and continuing learning creates a safe space for children, that is reassuring in these uncertain times. Our remote learning again is based around and engaging with your child. We want them to be motivated to learn and the teachers have set work to your child's ability.

Blackwater Remote Learning Plan

- ✓ WEBSITE All the resources will be uploaded onto the website for you download and use. Please follow this link and then click on your class page: http://www.blackwater.cornwall.sch.uk/web/remote_learning/455989
- ✓ OVERVIEW EMAILED A weekly overview, Spellings and White Roses maths resources will be e-mailed to you every Sunday by noon. This gives you time to look at it before the following week.
- ✓ PAPER PACKS We have paper packs available from the school gate from 10am on Monday mornings (they will be there by 10am tomorrow for this week). This means you do not need to print any resources to complete the home learning. Please let me know if you would like to be added to the weekly list.
- ✓ ADDITIONAL PROVISION Unlike our last lockdown, we are going the extra mile and children who need additional resources to ensure their learning is going to have extra contact and resources by a key adult in school. This will hopefully make sure ALL children can access their learning at the right level.
- ✓ ONLINE PLATFORM We will be using Seesaw as our method of communication again. The teachers will be uploading videos by 10am every morning to explain the learning for the day:
 - Wheal Friendly will have four videos to Tapestry: good morning, phonics session, letter formation and mathematics.

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Blackwater Community

Primary School

- Wheal Harmony will have three videos: good morning, English session and a mental maths session.
- Wheal Busy will have three videos: good morning, handwriting and grammar/comprehension session.
- Wheal Luna will have two videos: good morning and comprehension.
- I will be reading the children a bedtime story, which I will upload before 5pm.
- ✓ FEEDBACK The staff will then comment on the learning for the day between 3pm and 4pm each day. Please make sure you have uploaded your child's work by this time for it to be seen.
- ✓ NEWSLETTER A weekly newsletter will be sent home on a Friday, which celebrates the children at home and at school with their learning.
- ✓ COMMUNICATION I am going to ring all parents by next Friday to make sure that you have everything you need to take on this challenge. Teachers will then follow up with a check in call in Week 3 to make sure your child is coping with this new way of working.
- ✓ ACCESS TO COMPUTERS I will be making sure all children have the right computer provision to be able to access learning at home.

Due to the number of children we have in school, we are going to not to do a live registration unless all children in the bubble are sent home. We have added the good morning video to counterbalance this.

As always, the staff are working tirelessly to make sure your children receive the very best care from us. I think you will agree that I did not hear of another school during the lockdown who put in so much effort into the home learning as we did. We want to continue this as we firmly believe that all that effort was worth it as the children came in so positive and ready for learning after the summer holidays. Thank you for your continued support and please get in contact if you need anything. We will be monitoring all children's engagement with their remote learning and putting in support where necessary when children are finding it hard to learn from home.

Best wishes

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