



Yealmpton Primary School

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Dear Parents,

You might be aware of some glitches that we are currently experiencing with setting up the remote learning offer via MS Teams. We are doing our very best to sort out teething issues which we hope will be resolved shortly. As you can appreciate, this has been an extensive project which has involved working closely with a DfE Deployment Partner and the Trust to set up individual Teams accounts and log in details. Work has also included the preparation of parent guides, online training and the development of online resources for our learning platform.

It is a government requirement that all schools put in place a remote learning offer. Many of our Trust schools are taking advantage of online platforms for homework to allow families to become familiar with remote learning and gain confidence in accessing and uploading work onto class pages. It is unfortunate that this initial attempt to test the water at our school might have caused some confusion, this was not our intention.

Please bear with us as we continue to develop the remote offering. If you haven't already, it would be really helpful if you could find some time to access the site and get a feel for it. Preparations will continue next week to add further online resources for both KS1 and KS2 as follows:

Key Stage 2

- TT Rockstars and Arithmetic Quiz
- Reading Planet for comprehension (next week)
- SPAG.com
- Weekly spellings

Key Stage 1

- Numbots
- Reading Planet for comprehension (next week)
- Weekly spellings

Early Years

Phonics and reading through the phonics pack although we have posted messages to encourage reading on Teams.

Homework will be provided in the original fashion, for those families that for whatever reason are not able to access MS Teams.

We apologise if there has been some uncertainty with regards to how to return homework and we hope the attachment to the newsletter will help. In addition, your child's class teacher will leave clear instructions within each assignment on how to return homework but if it's easier, a photograph can be taken of the work and uploaded onto Teams

Thank you again for all your support with embracing the Microsoft Teams remote learning platform to ensure our children are still able to receive the education that is so vital to their wellbeing if the need should arise that a class bubble has to close. Last but not least, know that we are here to support you and understand that this is a new way of learning, so please reach out if you need any help at all.

Working Together

The team has been working methodically to avoid the closure of multiple bubbles in the event that someone with school tests positive for Covid-19. Please bear in mind that if children from different bubbles are sharing cars, visiting each other's houses and meeting up from school, the knock on effect will be detrimental to everyone resulting in more children and families being required to self-isolate.

Supporting Communication

Please remember if there is something you would like to discuss with your child's class teacher, you do not have to wait for another Parents Evening. Please email the school administrator with some convenient dates and times and they will be able arrange a telephone consultation with your child's teacher. We endeavour to work together to support your children in any way we can.

Best wishes

Louise Young
Headteacher