

# **Rothersthorpe C.E Primary School**

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#### **Dear Parents**

# **Updated - Learning from Home Provision / Remote Learning**

As previously mentioned in our 'back to school letter' to parents, we will continue using a variety of online tools to support pupils with both their homework and in the event of pupils or bubbles having to isolate or school goes into a lockdown.

Class 1 will be using the online learning platform – Tapestry. All other classes will continue to use 'ClassDojo', along with email and paper learning packs as necessary. We are also currently receiving training in the communication programme 'Microsoft Teams' instead of using Zoom. This resource has been recommended and funded by the DfE.

Our school updated 'IT Acceptable Use Policy' for pupils will be sent home this week. When received, please read carefully with your child, sign and return.

In the case of pupils, bubbles, whole school isolation or a lockdown, The Government and DfE have advised that schools should provide a 'remote learning offer to parents' by the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020. This is a summary of our remote learning offer:

# Class 1 – Mrs Henry-Moore

**Self-isolating pupils** (Teacher and rest of class are in school)

Mrs Henry-Moore will provide daily contact via email and Tapestry with parents. She will provide activities that are happening at school and these will be sent home via email or Tapestry. (A paper learning pack can be provided if a family have no access to any IT devices).

Where possible, and if appropriate, the self-isolating pupil/s will be invited to partake in lessons via 'Teams'. For example, phonics lessons.

### Class bubble, whole school isolation or lockdown

Mrs Henry-Moore will send learning activities to parents via email and Tapestry. Pupil's work will be uploaded on to Tapestry and teacher feedback will be provided using this online tool. (A paper learning pack can be provided if a family have no access to any IT devices).

Lessons will be recorded and sent to parents via Tapestry e.g. phonic lessons and stories. Some Oak National Academy lessons will be selected and shared with parents.

#### Class 2

**Self-isolating pupils** (Teachers and rest of the class are in school)

Mrs Gibbon and Mrs D'Costa will provide pupils with a learning pack which will be uploaded onto ClassDojo. (A paper copy can also be collected from school if a family have no access to an IT device). Teachers will email parents to check how they can access pupil's work. Reading books will be sent home.

### Class bubble, whole school isolation or lockdown

Mrs Gibbon and Mrs D'Costa will upload pupil's learning activities to the ClassDojo learning platform. Pupils will be able to log-on to 'live' and/or recorded stories being read by our teachers via 'Teams' on a Monday, with daily activities set, which will be based on the text. Maths activities will also be posted on the 'MyMaths' learning platform. Pupils will be able to access recorded and/or 'Live' daily phonics lessons via 'Teams'. Pupils should upload work via ClassDojo.

If school is open - reading books will be available for parents to collect once a week.

Teachers will use a mixture of their own planning, as well as some recorded lessons from Oak National Academy.

#### Class 3 - Mrs Walker

# **Self-isolating pupils** (Teacher and rest of class are in school)

Mrs Walker will provide pupils with a learning pack, which will be uploaded onto ClassDojo. (A paper copy can also be collected from school if a family have no access to an IT device). Mrs Walker will email parents to check how they can access pupil's work. Pupil's work can be submitted via ClassDojo or returned when the pupil comes back to school. Reading books will be sent home.

# Class bubble, whole school isolation or lockdown

Mrs Walker will upload all pupils learning activities to ClassDojo and ask the pupils to upload their completed work there too.

Teaching videos and PowerPoints will recorded by Mrs Walker and uploaded to ClassDojo. Mrs Walker will also provide teaching videos and links to Oak National Academy, BBC Bitesize and other sites.

Mrs Walker will provide a 'live' meeting via 'Teams' for pupils at least once a week. Regular feedback will be given to pupils via ClassDojo/Teams.

If school is open - reading books will be available for parents to collect once a week.

#### Class 4 - Ms ACE

### **Self-isolating pupils** (Teacher and rest of class are in school)

Ms ACE will provide pupils with a learning pack, which will be uploaded onto ClassDojo or emailed. (A paper copy can also be collected from school if a family have no access to an IT device). Ms ACE will also invite the pupil/s to join the class for 'live teaching via Teams' where appropriate.

### Class bubble, whole school isolation or lockdown

Ms ACE will upload all work onto ClassDojo and ask pupils to upload their work there too. She will email work if needed. (A paper copy can also be collected from school if a family have no access to an IT device).

Ms ACE will provide pupils with video teaching sessions. She will deliver 'live' meetings via 'Teams' for teaching input and pupil feedback. Ms ACE will use a combination of her own planning, Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize to deliver the curriculum.

#### **Resources our School are using**

# Class 1 - Tapestry on-line learning platform - <a href="https://tapestryjournal.com/login">https://tapestryjournal.com/login</a>

Tapestry is an easy-to-use and secure **online learning journal** helping staff and families celebrate their children's learning and development. Tapestry builds a very special record of a child's experiences, development and learning journey through their early years and primary education. Photos, videos and diary entries are used to capture children's learning. All parents should have received their own log-in.

# Classes 2, 3 and 4 - ClassDojo on-line learning platform - www.clasdojo.com

ClassDojo is a school communication platform that teachers, pupils and families can use to provide a range of home learning activities. Teachers can send direct messages to families, share lessons or announcements, and assign classwork. Pupils are able to upload their work using documents, files, videos, photos, direct messaging and sound clips. All children and parents should have their own log-in. Please email your class teacher if you need a reminder.

#### **All classes - Microsoft Teams**

Microsoft Teams is a pupil work space for 'real time' collaboration, communication, meetings, files, app sharing and learning. Pupils will have their own email login sent home shortly. Parents will need to support their children to access this platform.

# All classes - Oak National Academy - https://www.thenational.academy/

Online lessons for every year group and subject. Some lessons may be selected by teachers as appropriate. Teachers will provide parents/pupils with links to video lessons as needed.

BBC Bitesize - <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a>

Times Tables Rock Stars - <a href="https://ttrockstars.com/">https://ttrockstars.com/</a> (Pupil log in)

My Maths - <a href="https://www.mymaths.co.uk/">https://www.mymaths.co.uk/</a> (Pupil log in)

Fiction Express Reading Platform (Pupil log in)

Prodigy Maths Fun Class 4 – <a href="https://www.prodigygame.com">www.prodigygame.com</a> (Pupil log in)

# **IT Devices**

The online learning platform, ClassDojo, which our school uses, is compatible with Android or Apple products. Cheap Android tablets can be purchased online for less than £60.

The Government/DfE have stated that any 'disadvantaged families' who do not have access to any IT facilities can apply for a device 'on loan' for their child. If this is the case, families would need to contact School as soon as possible, and we would apply for a loaned device from our Local Authority. Schools have not been provided with any 'time scales' for this support.

This is a challenging time for everyone – school and families alike, so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are all doing our very best in 'unprecedented times' and will need to continue to work together and support each other.

A reminder - If your child is poorly we don't expect them to complete any home learning.

With kindest regards,

# Nicola Fountain

Mrs Fountain – Headteacher, Governors and School Staff