Information about remote home learning

Following Government guidance we have been preparing ourselves so that we are able to support families in the case of individual isolation, whole class isolation or local lockdown. The Government has set a deadline of 30th September for these contingency plans.

The information below sets out the support we will provide to families. We are aware that each family will be unique in their situation e.g. number of children, devices available, parents working from home, and we will do our best to support you with all of these situations. It is the expectation that if a child is at home they will be completing the work set each day, unless they are too unwell.

Please see the school website for a copy of our Remote Learning Policy.

This remote home learning will have three stages –

1. **Home learning** if only your child needs to isolate – this learning can be accessed via the website, emailed to you or hard copies provided if an individual child is required to isolate.
2. **Emergency learning** – this learning lasts for two days, shared in the same way, in a situation of a whole class isolating or a local / national lockdown. This will allow your child to have learning at home immediately while the school prepares for remote teaching.
3. **Remote teaching** – this will begin following the emergency learning with the class teacher providing daily learning tasks which will include live or recorded teaching.

1. Home Learning in the case of Individual Isolation

- In the event of an individual needing to isolate the school has prepared a 10 day home learning programme which can be accessed via the school website, through Tapestry or email or a hard copy resource provided. The 10 day home learning programme is focussed on key skills and knowledge from the curriculum for the relevant year group. A timetable will also be provided.
- Individual children in reception, who have to self-isolate will be provided with a collection of home learning ideas through Tapestry to support the child in developing their prime areas of learning.
- The school will check in with parents through Tapestry, email (using the admin office email) or by telephone at least twice a week.
- Teachers will respond to home learning that is shared and provide relevant feedback as promptly as possible. Please be aware that responses may be delayed as the teacher is teaching the remainder of the class during the day.
- Where children themselves are unwell, we will not be expecting any home learning to be completed, as this would not be appropriate.
- Where parents are unwell, we will communicate with them to establish how much home learning is possible.

2 and 3. Emergency Learning followed by Remote Teaching, in the case of Whole Class Isolation

- This approach will be used following a confirmed case and where a risk assessment means that a class needs to isolate.
- Each year group will have a prepared emergency two days' learning. This will consist of mini topics for English and Maths with some other subjects.
- This emergency learning can then be sent home via the preferred method immediately when a class is notified to self-isolate
- On the third day teachers will begin remote teaching. This will match the learning planned to be taught in school as indicated in medium and long term planning, as much as is possible.
- This remote teaching will include a mixture of film based teaching and set tasks.
- Teachers will be supporting learning during normal working hours, this could include – live teaching, recording films to share, finding resources to inform teaching and tasks, providing feedback on work shared, contacting families who have not be sharing learning, responding to questions.
- Where a teacher of the isolating class is unwell, this role will be covered by other members of staff led by the Senior Leadership Team.

Support from parents

We are asking you to provide school with updated contact information as well as indicating which methods of communication you would prefer e.g. email, Tapestry, hard copies. We are also establishing Microsoft Teams as a method of communication so we have the potential to have live teaching and assemblies as well as an additional platform for children to share their learning.

To ensure that these plans are successful and that the impact of not attending school is reduced as much as possible, it is important that parents:

- Notify the school if they have not received learning as indicated above.
- Check email and Tapestry regularly for updates.
- Ensure that their child completes learning tasks each 'school' day in line with the timetable provided.
- Provide their child with a suitable place to work.
- Share learning completed at home with the class teacher daily.
- Contact the school to discuss any difficulties they are encountering as soon as possible e.g. not understanding the work, parent working themselves so unable to supervise as much, parent or child becoming ill.
- Contact the Headteacher through adminoffice@cherrywood.hants.sch.uk with any concerns or complaints.

Safeguarding

With the increased use of the internet and a different way of working in order to deliver remote learning, we are aware that this can pose safeguarding concerns.

- All staff will work in line with safeguarding and acceptable use of IT policies.
- All communication from staff, including those filmed will be professional and in line with policies.
- Staff will ensure that they have checked the appropriateness of resources that families are directed to.
- Staff will ensure that any concerns are passed on to the Headteacher or Designated Safeguard Leads immediately.

We ask that parents:

- Consider the amount of screen time that their child has – this may mean that as a result of screen time needed to complete school work, other activities such as playing on a games console or going on their phone need to be reduced.
- Follow our e-safety guidance available on the website to ensure children are monitored in their use of the internet, including social media.
- Communicate any concerns or complaints to the school through the adminoffice@cherrywood.hants.sch.uk.