



## Home Learning through Google Classroom

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you to inform you about our plans for home learning in the event of any bubble closure, local lockdown or if your child is in isolation.

Unlike during the previous lock down, this time we will move to use Google Classroom. The children have been given their login details and I know are having a go at getting used to the technology.

Children must accept the invitation to their class and to other groups to access work and messages. If there are any major issues we will revert back to WEDUC home learning as during previous lockdown

So what will happen if:

### **If your child is unwell, not covid related, normal absence procedure applies**

- No work will be set, however parents are welcome to access website links and activities/ oak academy – links on school website
- If well enough children to read at least 3 days a week, everyday in KS1
- If well enough children can access timetable rockstars at least 3 times a week

### **So what will happen:**

- **In the event of a child isolating whilst waiting for a test result or for a household test result**
- **In the event of a child receiving a positive test and being in isolation for 10 days, assuming they feel well.**
- **In the event of on child in isolation for 14 days and feeling well**
- **In the event of shielding – longer term absence**

### **There is an expectation that work will be completed**

- Class teacher will share a timetable on google classroom and expectation is lessons uploaded will follow the 'in school' pattern as far as possible.
- On the first day of absence children to use Oak Academy/work sent home/ information on school website.
- For the subsequent days -Work to be loaded to Google classroom each evening by the class teacher – those at home will be one day behind their classmates. This will take the form of powerpoints / slides videos and planning etc. They will follow the school timetable as closely as possible.
- Feedback will be given in a timely manner, which the children should respond to.
- If the child doesn't have access to technology- child can borrow chromebook if parental form is signed.

Please note that there are only a limited number of Chrome books we can loan out.

**Remember that you can get Google Classroom downloaded on a Smart TV, PS4 and X Box one – you will need a wireless keyboard so the children can use it like a chrome book.**

If it not possible a paper pack will be given, following the timetable as closely as possible

- Children are expected to read at least 3 days a week, everyday in KS1
- KS2 children expected to access timetable rockstars at least 3 times a week

### **Class bubble Closure**

- If a class bubble closes, your child's class teacher will upload a timetable for the week on Google Classroom. There will be daily maths, English activities and other work related to their topics. The expectation is lessons uploaded will follow the 'in school' pattern as far as possible.  
As above this work must be turned in so teachers can check the work and feedback to the children if necessary.
- Pre recorded daily collective worship will also take place.
- We will also aim to use live goggle meet when appropriate, so the children can speak to a group of friends and interact with their teacher. The required details will be communicated through Google Classroom.
- As above on the first day of absence children to use Oak Academy/work sent home/ information on school website. Hopefully there will be time to give everyone an exercise book to take home which can be used if the work cannot be uploaded to Google classroom
- For the subsequent days -Work to be loaded to Google classroom each evening – those at home will be one day behind the classmates. This will take the form of powerpoints / slides etc., videos and planning. They will follow the school timetable as closely as possible.
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It is increasingly more important that a child has access to technology, however if it not possible a paper pack will be given, following the timetable as closely as possible
- Paper packs will be marked after 72 hour quarantine. Drop off by parent on a Tuesday and Thursday -new work ready to be picked up Wednesdays and Mondays.
- Children are expected to read at least 3 days a week, everyday in KS1
- KS2 children expected to access timetable rockstars at least 3 times a week
- Communication between staff and pupils through the day – questions etc – to be via google classroom or class emails can also be used if there are issues. You can also use WEDUC or the Office email.

### **Privacy**

We will protect our children and staff online by ensuring all the necessary Google Classroom privacy settings are in place.

For more information regarding the privacy notice please read:

[https://gsuite.google.com/terms/education\\_privacy.html](https://gsuite.google.com/terms/education_privacy.html)

**Any misuse of Google Classroom through inappropriate and unreasonable messages to teachers or to other children, threatening, aggressive or abusive behaviour will be reported to the police. In the event of misuse, the account will be disabled whilst under investigation.**

**Please remember:**

This system is not perfect and at times may not be suitable to your own family circumstances. Everyone's home life is different, but we are doing all we can to make sure children can learn! There may be other scenarios and rule changes that haven't yet been thought about!

I am a little worried about the internet connection in Belton holding up in the event of a lockdown. – if it doesn't work we will find a solution.

There may be occasions when teachers are not available to respond to children immediately. There will be times when they will be helping others, working on other school related tasks or taking a break.

**If you or your child is struggling with the work, let us know! If you are unsure of the technology or something isn't working let us know! If your child is finding it difficult to engage in the learning let us know! Don't struggle on!**

This is a hard time for everyone, thank you for your continued support. We will continue to do our best to support you however we can.

Best wishes,

Miss Scott

### **Extra advice**

At school maths tasks are daily, the actual tasks usually take between 20 and 40 minutes in maths depending on the children's age and ability. English tasks can take a bit longer when completing extended writing.

### **Average attention spans work out like this:**

- 2 years old: four to six minutes
- 4 years old: eight to 12 minutes
- 6 years old: 12 to 18 minutes
- 8 years old: 16 to 24 minutes
- 10 years old: 20 to 30 minutes
- 12 years old: 24 to 36 minutes

So, don't worry if your child loses concentration during a learning task- let them go back to it after a brain break.

Children don't spend every minute of the day at school working on tasks. However, there is greater expectation that work is completed. Please let the teacher know if they are having difficulties- do not struggle on

Maths and English are always taught in the morning at school because that is when children's concentration is at its best. As children get older, they can listen and concentrate for longer. If your child is struggling to concentrate, take a break and return to the task later.

**We are not asking you to home school children, but to support their learning. We will aim to make instructions clear and concise, obviously, younger children will require more support. You don't need to print things out – answers can be written down. Again any issues please let us know**

### **Mental Health and Well Being**

This is a challenging time for everyone and supporting learning at home is not easy. This time will be difficult for children too. They will be missing their friends, the social part of school life and working collaboratively with others.

Many school set tasks are geared towards working with a partner or as part of a team. Children will be missing these experiences despite having online learning.

Children's mental health and wellbeing must come first, the learning tasks set through Google Classroom must not put children under further unnecessary pressure during this difficult time. After tasks have been set, how you manage their home learning is then up to you. You know your child best. However, there is greater expectation that work is completed.

During this challenging period when the schools are closed, children's mental health could suffer. It is paramount that fun activities at home continue and please take the opportunity to do plenty of creative and fun things... cook, paint, make things, play games, exercise, laugh and have fun!