

# Remote Learning - September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to write to you to update you on the provision planned should children be off school due to partial or full school closure due to coronavirus.

If individual children are off for a few days while waiting for a test or having to isolate, the class teacher will email work to parents for the children to complete. However, we appreciate, that if a child is experiencing symptoms of Covid, it could mean they weren't well enough to complete remote home learning tasks. In this instance we would ask that you use your parental judgement. We are equally aware that if someone in your household is unwell and you must self-isolate as a household, your child may still be well enough to access our remote learning offer. If your child does require work, please inform the office when you report their absence.

As you are aware there is also a possibility of a bubble, class, whole school or local/regional/national lockdown and we need to ensure we are prepared for this.

The DfE has stipulated that schools have a duty to offer remote education:

'Where a pupil, class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, the DfE expects schools to be able to immediately offer them access to remote education'.

We appreciate that remote learning may be hard for some families, however this is how the learning will have to be delivered, should any of the above scenarios happen. Please be aware so you are prepared (pupils and parents) and equipped to carry out online learning tasks at home. The online learning platforms (Tapestry and Calibrae) can be accessed through a phone, tablet, laptop or PC. Some game consoles are also able to be used. If you do not have a device at home, this might be something to think about as Christmas is fast approaching as these would make an ideal gift. There are very reasonable priced devices on the market (starting at around £50). They do not need to be popular brands or expensive makes. Please speak to your class teacher for some ideas. If you have more than one child and they need to share a device, please have a planned home timetable to allow each of the children access.

Our remote education offer is the same as we provided in March and through the summer term.

- Oak class (EYFS) will have their learning delivered through Tapestry.
- Years 1-6 will have their learning delivered through the school's learning platform - Calibrae. Each child has their own log-in for this platform. Please contact [admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ellwood.gloucs.sch.uk) if you have not received a log-in or have forgotten this.

The children can log on daily and access their learning.

Attached to this letter is a summary of provision, useful website links and our current remote learning policy. Once again, thank you, as parents and carers, for all your support in helping us to return to school safely and supporting your child at home. Your child's education is a partnership and the role you play in supporting your child's home learning will be vital.

Yours Sincerely

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