



Ashley Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Remote Learning

We do appreciate how difficult learning from home is and the complexities some of you will face in organising and supporting it. I hope that we can address some of those concerns through this letter.

Teachers would much prefer to be working face-to-face with your child. Teaching is a hugely nuanced and skilled job – it isn't just about delivering a lesson or imparting knowledge. The skilled teacher assesses constantly and makes adjustments so the learning can be accessed and understood. This is obviously harder through remote learning. However, we will do all we can to replicate the learning experience your child enjoys at school. I would encourage you to be patient and gentle with your children and to contact the teacher if you feel they are having real difficulties.

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Timetable

Teachers have produced a timetable for learning. This is a suggestion. You will be able to gauge whether your child needs a break or to do something active. The videos explaining the learning are recorded so that you can watch them when it is convenient. We do, however, ask that your child attends the 'Google Meet' sessions. These are live and are important times when they can connect with the teacher and the class and discuss what is happening through the day, recap on learning, receive feedback on their learning and celebrate terrific learning. Below is a link to a useful guidance document on appropriate behaviour for children using 'Google Meet'. It would be helpful if you could go through this with your child.

http://ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/facebook_1609803865807_6752006793573515210/

Lessons

Lessons will be recorded rather than live sessions. We will use a range of resources - Oak National Academy, White Rose Maths, Bitesize - as well as the teachers themselves. Links to the videos will, of course, be provided.

Devices and access

If you are having difficulty with access or lack of devices then please contact Mr Cousins via email ict@ajs.hants.sch.uk. If you find the remote learning is using up your data, then the government have a scheme that might mean you can extend it for free. Again, please let us know and we can support your application.

Interventions

If your child had an intervention to support their learning we are desperately hoping we can sustain some of them. These will be done through 'Google Meet' and you will be contacted so they can be arranged.

Emotional and technical support

We have staff on call to support children with any emotional difficulties they might face. This might be through a phone call or 'Google Meet'. Do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cheesman via email s.cheesman@ajs.hants.sch.uk should your child require support.

Please click [here](#) to access remote learning instructions. If you are having technical difficulties then please contact Mr Cousins via email ict@ajs.hants.sch.uk so we can try to address them quickly.

Below is a link that explains how parents can create a 'Childcare Bubble' that might especially support working families who don't meet the criteria as Key Workers.
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-childcare-bubble-with-another-household>

Finally, we want this to work and provide the best possible learning experience given the situation. Please make contact if there are things you don't understand, that you think could be improved or that works particularly well. Let us know if there are things you need – paper, pens and so on. We are here to help!

I hope you and your family stay safe and find the time together enriching and fun. Let's work together to ensure your children come through the other side of this feeling good about themselves and proud of their achievements.

Yours faithfully,



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Headteacher