

# **Byfleet Primary School**



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from the government's announcement last evening, we wanted to outline arrangements for remote learning so that your child can get the most out of the resources and planning that the teachers have uploaded to Google Classroom for your child, whilst they are learning at home.

### Summary:

- Teachers will upload a daily overview of your child's learning for the day, which equates to a minimum of 3 hours of structured learning each day Maths, Writing, Reading and a 'topic theme'. The 'topic theme' will be the same 'theme' for all year groups as we hope that this will make it easier for adults at home to support their children where there are more than one child needing to complete work we appreciate how tricky it may be to support more than one child in different year groups so hopefully this 'theme' will alleviate this.
- We have included a 'life skill challenge' for the children to work on we are hoping that this will help your children achieve key milestones for their age and level of responsibility. These may be simple things like: learn to tie your shoe laces, washing the dishes or laying the dinner table.



- All work will be set on <u>Google Classroom under the 'classwork' tab</u>. Teachers
  will add all the resources and videos the children need under the day's heading
  with the day's date ie. Wednesday 6th January.
- It is important to keep your child in a routine of starting their learning at the usual time of around 8.30/9am. The day will start with an introduction video from the class teacher, saying good morning to the children and outlining the learning for the day.
- In the 'classwork' tab, you will find all of the day's learning links, resources and activities that are outlined in the day's learning overview.
- Teachers will be online from 8.30ish onwards to answer any questions or to support any learning we encourage the children (and parents if they wish to do so) to write simple comments or questions in the 'stream' which the teacher will be able to answer or comment on. Please may we ask that this be used for spontaneous questions/comments or to share learning only all other queries or concerns from parents are to please be sent to via the school office info@byfleet.surrey.sch.uk which will be forwarded to the teacher. Please note that teachers and support staff will still be teaching up to 15 pupils in their classes each day, who have returned to school so may not be able to respond immediately to requests.
- As you become more familiar with Google Classroom, we will expect completed work to be shared with the class teacher so that we can assess the children. There is a 'turn it in' blue button that allows you to return work remotely to the classteacher via Google Classroom.
   Teachers will work hard to comment and provide feedback if you did wish to share work as you become more secure with using Google Classroom.

Whilst work is being set on Google Classroom, some of this can be completed online however we still encourage you to work with your children off screen. We have put together some 'learning packs' for each child to allow them to work in books, journals etc. and to use resources to support their learning away from their computers/laptops/chromebooks etc.

## **Learning Packs**

These will consist of a number of general and subject specific resources which may differ from year to year. Here is a guide of some of the things you will be able to find in your child's 'Learning Packs':

#### General:

- Pen, pencil, whiteboard, whiteboard pen, ruler
- Home learning exercise book - for all written tasks to be completed in

#### Maths:

- Maths resources specific to your child's year group e.g. multiplication grid, place value grid, place value slider, 100 square, number line etc.
- Maths No Problem Textbook and Workbook
- Maths exercise book for 'In Focus' tasks
- 144 club tests

# English:

- National curriculum spelling lists
- Handwriting line guides
- Handwriting practise sheets
- Phonic sound mats for KS1

The 'Learning packs' will be available for you to come and collect this week from tomorrow, Wednesday 6th January, in the school atrium. Each year group has been given a set time when parents can come and collect their child's 'Learning Pack'. If you have siblings in different year groups please collect all children's packs at the earliest time. Only these 'Learning Packs' will be available at the collection time.

# Wednesday 6th January

- 9-10am Reception
- 10-11am Year 1
- 11-12pm Year 2
- 12-1pm Year 3
- 1-2pm Year 4
- 2-3pm Year 5
- 3-4pm Year 6

Please ensure you keep safe and maintain social distancing rules when you are collecting the books. If you need to queue then please keep the recommended 2 meters distance.

If you are unable to collect the books at the allocated time then please contact the school at <a href="mailto:info@byfleet.surrey.sch.uk">info@byfleet.surrey.sch.uk</a> and we will make alternative arrangements.

During this strange time of having to do remote learning etc., we want to reassure you that we are here to help and support you so that your child can still access learning and move forward academically. It goes without saying that this will require so much more than just our tremendous staff setting work, communicating with you and providing well-thought through resources; your support with helping your child access this learning remotely from Google Classroom is key. We want to thank you for your continued commitment in helping your child to access their learning as we know how hard it is juggling everything at home. We look forward to welcoming you back as soon as we can.

**Best Regards** 

