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Home learning

Dear Parents/Guardians

Following the Government announcement of the lockdown of schools we have started our home learning provision and it has been great to see so much of the children's learning through Purple Mash and Twitter. Our teaching team is still working incredibly hard to make sure your children are learning but we need your support. **It is absolutely vital that you are supporting your child with their learning.** We will be contacting parents of children who are not accessing their daily learning to ask why not. **If you are having trouble accessing online learning then you need to contact us** – we do have a limited amount of laptops available to loan to families if you have nothing else for children to use.

- Daily lessons will be set via individual class Twitter pages – links to each class can be found here: <https://twitter.com/HolyFamilyScho1>.
- All children have packs with CGP books – teachers will set activities from these, you can upload pictures of completed activities on to Twitter or send to their teacher privately and directly through the DM button on Twitter.



- Teachers will set activities on Purple Mash – all children should have their logins to Purple Mash in their planners, if you're unsure about your child's login then contact school.
- Teachers will set tasks on Times Tables Rockstars, again if you are unsure about logging on then contact school.
- BBC have developed lessons for home learning through the red button and on CBBC every morning. Your teacher could direct you to these resources.



- Check the school website for a weekly overview of your child's learning <https://www.holyfam.bham.sch.uk/covid19.htm>

In addition to this, we would like children to meet online twice a week (starting next week – 11/01/21) with their class teacher and some of their classmates. This is to make sure that we are still having regular contact with the children and to give them the opportunity to see their friends. This will be through Microsoft Teams which can be accessed on any device connected to the internet.

- You will be sent an invite to your email address by your teacher to join a Teams meeting for 15 minutes twice a week. Meetings will be in groups of 10 and you will be given a time slot – this will be the same time every week. If you can't access this for any reason then please let us know, we expect to see all children accessing this.

As part of our online policy we will be sending you a survey to complete in which you need to agree to our terms of use. Main points are

- Children should dress appropriately for these, please ensure your child is fully dressed and is not wearing any form of nightwear.
- Children should behave sensibly, just like they would in the classroom and not disturb the teacher or session.
- All children must be on mute unless the teacher asks a specific question in which the child can respond.

Teaching assistants will also be making contact with you to read with your child at least once a week. Again this is likely to be through a Microsoft Teams meeting and you will be emailed an invite for this.

Children should be continuing to **read for at least 20 minutes per day** as they would normally if they were in school. There are plenty of online reading materials available to you through the Collins website and through Purple Mash but we are also busy putting some reading packs together for those children who need more books.



We are doing everything we can to make sure that during this worrying time children's education doesn't suffer too much but we need your help. **Children need to be accessing their online learning daily and submitting their work so we can check their understanding, it is so important!**

Please contact us if you need help or support in anything concerning your child's learning.

God bless and stay safe,

Mr P Foley
Head Teacher

