



## Hyde Park Infant School

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Dear Parents,

I send you all warm wishes for a healthy, safe and happy new year. I am aware that many families have now personally been affected by this Covid-19 virus and know someone, often a family member who has contracted it or who, has unfortunately died. I share with you in this grief and offer my thoughts and prayers to you. If your child is in Educare and affected by grief, please let us know so that we can put support programmes in place. If you are at home and want support, please email in with details and I will endeavour to link you to a support programme.

Whilst at home, you will be in a position to safely access our comprehensive online learning programmes via Tapestry for our Foundation children or via Teams for our Y1 and Y2 pupils. The learning will be posted daily by the teachers and will be the same learning that the children will receive in school. Obviously, because of the age of the child, the learning needs to be carried out with you, the parent as learning at this stage is an interactive process. The learning set will be for 3+ hours and is designed to ensure that your child keeps up with their learning programme. If you are contacted by Mrs J Lesina, she will be offering phonic catch up programmes (currently for some Y2 and Y1 pupils) and we ask that you engage fully with these programmes to support your child. Staff will monitor your child's access to the online learning and will also respond to key learning tasks that you will have been asked to upload.

Congratulations to all parents in Foundation who have already accessed Tapestry. Please now access this daily to support your child with their Maths, Phonics, English and other subjects too. All guidance will be given by the teachers but you will need to work practically with you child and upload examples of their learning when requested to do so.

Not all parents with Y1 and Y2 children have accessed the Teams online learning. If you are having difficulty knowing what to do, staff have created a video for guidance which is being posted on the website today. The video is called **Teams video for parents** and will talk you through how to set up Teams so that you can access the online learning for your child. You will already have been sent a Teams login which was stuck inside your child's liaison book last term.

Once you have accessed Teams, the learning for Y1 and Y2 will be available for you and will be 3+ hours of learning support which will cover phonics, English, Maths and other subjects as well as ideas for physical activities. Teachers will be able to monitor your child's access to learning online and will ask for key learning to be uploaded which they will monitor. If you need help to upload learning, please click on this link to find out how to do it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARLONxW8o4g>



Many parents are already engaging fully with the Tapestry and Teams learning online for our Hyde Park Infant School Children so a big 'well done'! Staff are providing these programmes, teaching in Educare and also responding to children's learning so are at 'full stretch'. Therefore, please do not expect teachers to be able to respond in any detail to queries or questions that you might have about learning.

Mrs Razey and I will be posting video assemblies on Tapestry and Teams for the children to engage with from next week. Also, from the week beginning 18th, staff are planning to run 'live' social meetings with up to 6 groups of children once a week to support social interaction and share learning. These live 10 minute sessions will happen on Zoom (Foundation children) or Teams for Y1 and Y2. Your teacher will send out a link for the meeting and a theme for the discussion. Rules for these meetings are simple. Children are encouraged to participate in a positive way and not comment negatively about another child's learning or idea. Please be reminded that children will need to be dressed for the online meetings and should not appear in underwear or pjamas for example. It will be imperative that you are ready to join the meeting at the designated time as it will not be possible to schedule the meeting again. It would be helpful and polite to inform the teacher if you and your child are unable to attend the meeting.

The ladies in the office, Mrs Rhodes and Mrs Matthews, are working so hard to set up new arrangements for Educare, DfE returns and the myriad of paperwork that is flooding into school at this time but they will happily answer any queries that you might have and I ask that you email these in rather than ring school. Mrs Razey and I are on site to oversee school and online learning as well as provide safeguarding support in school and for any queries that you might have whilst at home.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and I wish you well in supporting your child with their learning.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E.A. Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Mrs E A Hill  
Head Teacher