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Dear Parents,

Online learning has proved a great hit with the children and parents and I thank you for the many letters of approval and positive comments about the range and quality of the online learning provided. There are a few parents who have not yet logged in to Teams or Tapestry so staff have contacted you to ascertain what help you need in accessing the online learning for your child. There will be a follow up phone call if you do not or cannot respond to our email.

For parents who are finding that there is too much learning for their child, I would ask you to prioritise the learning in this order: Phonics, Maths, English and then other subjects. The Educare children are getting the same package of learning in school. Please do as much as you can using the facilities that you have. Learning can always span over the weekend if you want to help your child catch up and keep up with the learning that has been set for them. For parents who want more, please extend the learning with problem solving and challenges linked to the set learning and supplement with plenty of reading and researching projects aligned to the school learning or to your child's interests.

To support the live social sessions with the class teacher, we require you to sign and agree to the attached online learning agreement. Please send this back to your child's class teacher. Their school email addresses are included for you below:

Mrs Rose: MRose@hydepark-inf.plymouth.sch.uk

Miss Easton: NEaston@hydepark-inf.plymouth.sch.uk

Miss Martin: Emartin@hydepark-inf.plymouth.sch.uk

Miss Brown (Beech Class): cbrown@hydepark-inf.plymouth.sch.uk

Mrs Blackmore: sblackmore@hydepark-inf.plymouth.sch.uk

Mrs Smith: SSmith@hydepark-inf.plymouth.sch.uk

Mrs Degg: Sdegg@hydepark-inf.plymouth.sch.uk

Mrs Crawley: Ccrawley@hydepark-inf.plymouth.sch.uk

Mr Horne: ghorne@hydepark-inf.plymouth.sch.uk

Miss Brown (Elm Class): hbrown@hydepark-inf.plymouth.sch.uk

By next Friday, having signed the consent form, you will receive an invitation for a 10 minute live chat for your child to engage in with their teacher and other classmates. This opportunity will hopefully help to address the social distancing that children are currently experiencing.



Our Educare numbers are currently too high to provide the very safe environment for our children of critical key workers so I have asked that parents who are currently accessing Educare for their child to reconsider their need. Clearly this is a message to you at home, who are already educating your child at home using our online programmes, that there is no capacity to take on other requests for places.

I have been asked about the availability of laptops but the publicised government scheme does not apply to Infant Schools so I have no additional laptops to make available to you.

Schools and families can request free mobile data increases for students without broadband and/or who can't afford extra data for devices.

Three, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, EE, Tesco Mobile & Sky Mobile are all taking part in the scheme.

For more info: <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data>

Next week I will be sharing two video assembly opportunities via Teams or Tapestry and am looking at a Head Teacher challenge in the same format. Until then, my challenge for the weekend is for the children to tidy and arrange their books. This could be in size order, according to type, by author, subject or whatever they come up with. Please upload a picture of your tidying and organization to your teacher's email. Thank you. I am sure that they won't be able to resist having a good read in the process.

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 that extends to the right.

Mrs E A Hill
Head Teacher