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Dear Parents and Carers

29th January 2021

Remote Education Provision

You will have received the Prime Minister's message this week that the earliest possible return date for all pupils to schools in England is dependent on a variety of factors and will now be from Monday 8th March.

We do appreciate that this may well cause heightened concerns and challenges for HHJS families. We will continue to do our best to communicate as clearly as possible and aim to do so in a manner that is supportive to our community.

With the extended lock down in mind, I write to update you in regard to our Remote Learning Plan.

Our aim is for the children (both on site and at home) to have access to a high-quality educational provision. It is fully in line with DFE expectations and intended to engage the children, be fully deliverable by the team who are working at home and on site and to be mindful of family circumstances. It may be the case that there are occasions where we have some challenges in regard to this and would ask for your patience and understanding at such a time.

Our staff team have worked extremely hard over the last few weeks to provide high quality remote education. We have given a lot of thought to our offer and are now providing pre-recorded teaching and have introduced weekly face to face live sessions in order for all children to maintain connections to their class and the school. Whilst we have had requests to deliver live lessons, we believe that our approach is in line with DFE and Ofsted expectations and mindful of research (Education Endowment Foundation) that has found that the quality of delivery is more important than the method. Pre-recorded lessons mean that children can pause, rewind and revisit explanations they have struggled with. By pre-recording the lessons, our staff are able to think carefully about the quality of explanation and can build in resources that are supportive to the lesson objectives. We also think this approach is supportive to children's concentration span and avoids lesson content being delivered too quickly for children to access successfully and offers more flexible timings of access for families. The children are also then able to contact the teacher through the Google Classroom stream if they have any questions or are struggling at all.

Our provision includes the following:

- Pre-recorded inputs to direct the children through their lessons.
- Daily visual and/ or written links with their teacher- to greet the children and support them with their day.
- Four hours of daily spring term curriculum content- with links to other resources (e.g. Oak Academy, BBC...) and curriculum activities (Teammates/ Kelly's dance/ specialist French/ Music classrooms/ PSHE- home debate/ chicken diary).

- Weekly newsletter additional activities and other links that we hope give children chance to rehearse and extend their learning (reading resources, Athletics...).
- We are looking to add screen free sessions to what we offer.
- Recommended (flexible) daily timetables are in place- with a reminder that sessions are one hour maximum and children should not spend extended time on any sessions and are taking regular exercise.
- We will upload the parent weekly overview slide by 8am each Monday- and sheets from this can be printed off ahead of time which we hope helps with organisation.
- Marking/ feedback-a range of approaches are in place which we will continue to consider further to try to best support the pupils with their remote learning. We have also sent out a guide to reviewing submitted and marked work.
- Weekly live face to face class teacher contact sessions for social interactions- we will also develop these for the children to be able to talk about their week's curriculum.
- Live assemblies- to support the children's sense of community.

We are continually reviewing and looking to enhance our provision for the children, and will forward updates accordingly.

If you have any access problems or other worries or concerns in regard to our offer please do contact the school via student@hamptonhill.richmond.sch.uk

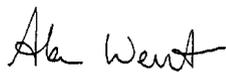
Please can we remind you that all parent communications need to be through this address- so that the Google Classrooms remain a communication tool between children and their teachers.

In regard to other updates, we have now received Lateral Flow Tests for staff who are working on site- to conduct twice weekly self-tests at home. The introduction of these tests is reassuring for staff but could result in an increased number of positive cases and result in class bubble closures within the school. We would communicate accordingly if this were the case. Could we also remind you to report any positive cases to school via the link sent out through parenthub and also on the website.

Also, to remind you, that we have forwarded a message to say that HHJS will be closed for the half term break week.

Thank you for your support and encouragement- it is greatly appreciated.

Best wishes



Alan Went
Head teacher