

8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following my letter earlier in the week, you will be aware that as a result of the lockdown we are providing remote learning for pupils who are not in school. Expectations are quite different this time to what they were in March. The Department of Education has said that curriculum learning must keep moving forward rather than a range of activities. Pupils who are in part of the week must also access remote learning on the days they are at home.

Please find attached letter from your child's teacher which sets out the daily expectations of learning. At this point in time, we are not delivering 'live' lessons because we understand that not all children may be able to have access to a device at the same time. Therefore, we are continuing to use Class Dojo and Purple Mash for the moment so that there is more flexibility around access.

We do appreciate that access to the internet may be challenging for some children. If you have any difficulties with this, please do contact school and let us know so we can try and provide further support during this time.

This week, Gavin Williamson (the Secretary of State for Education) made a statement about several aspects of the partial closures of schools. Part of this was aimed at parents and carers and was related to this remote learning. He suggested that parents should speak to their child's school if they were concerned about the remote learning being provided – this is sensible advice and would be in line with what school would expect with any concern you might have. He then went on to say that parents could also contact Ofsted. The media have picked this up and seem to be encouraging parents to contact Ofsted in the first instance. This is not helpful as you can imagine. As usual, please ask questions or raise any concerns with us in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Howard
Headteacher