



Bishops Lydeard

Church School

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Bishops Lydeard Church School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

'That they may have life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Respect

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6th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Online Learning

As we have entered a new National Lockdown, we have reinstated our online learning offer on Microsoft TEAMS.

Online learning is already being set and teachers are sharing the plans they already had in place for this week – these plans reflect the learning also taking place in school.

We have used the feedback we received after the previous period of home learning and in light of this from next week we will provide a daily plan with the work set in a clear priority order. This will consist of:

Online planning on TEAMS for Years 2 – 6 will consist of:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily uploads of Maths, English and Reading/Phonics resources and videos• Daily plans with Foundation subject resources and suggestions.
Online planning on TEAMS for Reception and Year 1 will consist of:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A weekly plan with activities appropriate to EYFS and Year 1 for English, Maths and Topic.• Weekly uploads of the adults reading class stories, modelling handwriting and RWI videos.
We will also keep in contact with you and your child via the Teams posts and work submitted. This contact will run alongside periodic phone calls, live class Teams sessions (see below) and our newsletter as we know from your feedback how much these were valued.

All 'learning based' videos will be recorded videos and the online learning set will be the same as the learning completed in school to ensure we maintain consistency for all of our children. Much as we and the children really value and enjoy the live sessions we know this adds additional challenge for you at home in terms of availability and sharing of devices and the wider demands on your time.

That said we will periodically hold live group sessions so the class can all meet up, check in and catch up. These will have much more of a well-being and social interaction focus and in some year groups this will be focussed around the class reader. We will let you know these times in advance and we will be doing our best to avoid timetable clashes between year groups. We may record some of these sessions to share via Teams. If you do not wish your child to be included in any recording, please support them to keep their camera and microphone switched off.



Please do note that during this Lockdown, all teaching staff are in school and teaching in class alongside preparing online learning and online videos. Due to this, teachers may not be able to respond to queries immediately and marking of the children's online work will be completed at the end of the week.

We understand there are real challenges when supporting children to learn at home so as before please do feel able to strike a balance with regards to home learning. I know when I say this, you all value and support the progress your children make with their education and I am certain you will be doing all you can in these trickier of times.

Please do continue to upload the learning happening at home as not only do we enjoy seeing and celebrating the children's achievements we use it to inform the upcoming sessions planned.

All families should have now received their Microsoft TEAMS login- please contact the office if this is not the case. Please also do get in contact if you are unable to access TEAMS.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Harvey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter 'y'.

Lisa Harvey