

Dear parents and carers,

First of all, all of us here at school want you to know how amazingly you are doing at home. We all understand how difficult it is to juggle home-schooling with work and the other demands of family life. What you are managing to achieve is amazing.

Now we have filled our Keyworker places to capacity and managed to settle into a new routine, we have been able to plan an additional offer for our home learning package. Through the phone calls home this week, we are aware that it is getting harder for some families to motivate their little ones to do their work. Please do remember that this is no reflection on you: your children are used to coming into school and being directed by their teacher.

From Monday, all classes will have a face-to-face meet on Zoom every day from Monday to Thursday.

KS1

For KS1 each class will have a story time at 2.30pm with their teacher. It will also allow an opportunity to review the home learning from the day and discuss any difficulties.

KS2

Y3 and 4 will have a year group briefing at 9.15am and Y5 and 6 have a year group briefing at 9.30am. These sessions will have registration and clear instructions on expectations for the day.

The Zoom link will be sent on Seesaw. We would love all children to attend the face-to-face Zoom sessions. The teachers will also use this as an opportunity to encourage the children with their home learning. We recognise that maintaining links with school and their peers is also vital for our children's mental health. Please note that parents must have read and agreed to the "Zoom Rules" before their child can take part. This will be posted in your child's Seesaw feed and once you have completed it, there will be no need to sign it each week. Friday Zoom assemblies will continue as normal and will have a separate link.

As with our previous offer, if it suits your family situation to do the work at a later time, just let the teacher know that your child will not be on the Zoom. Likewise, for those with siblings, we understand that that it might not be possible for both to join the Zoom every day and in this instance, it may be easier to alternate. We have tried to stagger things to take this into account. Again, just let the teacher know and we can work with you as a family to find the best solution.

We will still also post the morning greeting so that children in KS1 can still register first thing and those in KS2 who cannot attend the Zoom can also register.

We hope you agree that this additional offer will further enhance our home learning provisions. We will start on Monday morning and review at the end of week to see if we need to make any amendments.

Thank you as always for your continued support. Mrs Crowther

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