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Dear Parent/Guardian

It has been wonderful to see the return of pupils back at Kates Hill Primary School over the last couple of weeks with pupils re-engaging with their learning, teachers, and friends.

I am writing to reassure you and share our plans in the eventuality of any future distance learning that we may need to offer. As per the Department for Education guidance, the school's distance learning program will reflect any local or national picture. As a result, we will operate on a tiered approach. We recently sent you a questionnaire recently asking questions regarding remote learning in order to develop an understanding of how you felt during lock down and whether you are equipped to support your child at home.

In summary, we found out:

- 87% parents feel that they are able to help their children with home learning.
- 98% have a mobile device, laptop or tablet
- 80% of parents would prefer between 2-3 hours of learning per day
- 75% would prefer a morning timetable between 9am-1pm
- 61% would prefer a work booklet
- 75% would like the class teacher to lead the learning online
- 100% of parents would like revision aids for their children to practice and catch up

Tier 1

This is the position we are in at present where all pupils are expected to attend school. As a result of this pupils are in school so therefore distance learning would not apply.

In this situation work would only be offered to pupils who are self-isolating due to the official guidance.

This could include:

- Pupil with symptoms waiting for a test
- Pupil told to self-isolate for official reasons as part of Track & Trace or as part of a household
- Pupil tested positive

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- Pupil has returned from a non-term time Holiday and has been required to quarantine as part of government guidance.

If you meet any of these criteria, please inform the school via the absence line immediately, or speak to the office staff. In this instance, your child should access the generic work through the school website – Year Group curriculum. As well as this please use the Oak National Academy <https://classroom.thenational.academy> and BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> to support any learning for their Year Group. You will also have your child’s knowledge organiser with their curriculum topic. Learn and do any extra research connected to this.

Tier 2

If infections rise, or a staff member of child test positive, we may well be instructed by Public Health England/DFE to close a “bubble”. For example, year groups would then do two weeks distance learning.

A weekly timetable will be sent to you via ParentHub and year group emails and teachers will offer a live element through Microsoft Teams. Teachers will deliver an English lesson at 9am and a Maths lesson at 11am alongside curriculum activities to complete independently in the afternoon.

Tier 3

If infections continue to rise further, we will be instructed to allow full-time on-site provision only to vulnerable children, the children of critical workers and selected year groups (to be identified by Department for Education). In this case, distance learning will be provided for all other pupils as per their weekly timetable. Pupils who are classed as vulnerable or fall into the critical worker category will access distance learning work in school and be supported by a member of staff during the day. For pupils who are not on site, work will be set through ParentHub and year group emails and teachers will offer a live element through Microsoft Teams. Teachers will deliver an English lesson at 9am and a Maths lesson at 11am alongside curriculum activities to complete independently in the afternoon. As a school we have evaluated our last experience with distance learning and we are well prepared in the event of any possible move to this approach again.

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Revision Guides

Revision Guides have been ordered for years 1-6.

These books will be set as weekly home revision where teachers can keep track of which pages pupils have completed. They can also be used by catch-up tutors and then used for remote learning when and if necessary as an extra study tool.

Your child will receive their revision guides soon. A great deal of school catch up funding has been spent on these books. **Please ensure that your child looks after them and brings them back once per week to be checked.**

As a school we are committed to ensuring that pupils' education continues. Children will access Microsoft Teams through their RMUNIFY accounts; years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will hopefully have time for some practice sessions before they need to use it for home learning with their teachers. KS1 parents may have to help their children to access this. Details on how to do this will be accessible later on the website or sent through Facebook or Parenthub. If you do experience any issues with these please contact the school and we will do our best to resolve these.

I hope this all makes sense. If you are unsure please contact your year group via email for further explanation.

Warmest Regards

Kathryn Harvey
Headteacher

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