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Arbory School News



Stay Safe

School will be closed to parents and visitors from today and enhanced cleaning and handwashing will be taking place at regular intervals,

Logging on to Distance Learning

You will need to access Microsoft Teams, this can be downloaded from the Microsoft website. To log in the children need to use the following format:-
eg For a Year 6 child - 14billysmith@sch.im
password - bs

For the other years follow the same format

Year 5 - 15+name

Year 4 - 16+name

Year 3 - 17+name

Year 2 - 18+name

Year 1 - 19+name

Recpt - 20+name

Children will be given two days of optional learning tasks for this Thursday and Friday.

6th January 2021

Dear Parents - Happy New Year!

It is usual at this time that I would be welcoming everyone back after the Christmas break but as you may have heard in yesterday's 5.30pm briefing by the Chief Minister, we are now entering a further time of 'lockdown' which we have been told will last three weeks.

As before, we will be moving to the hub system and our hub team will be based at Rushen School once again.

The Government have said that all children should stay at home and access distance learning where possible, but the hub will be open for vulnerable children and the children of key workers who cannot access any alternative provision.

Please let Mrs Bell know by the end of today if your child will be accessing the hub and on which days.

The Hub Team

Teachers and support staff at the hub will work with children to complete the tasks set by their class teacher and will have some extra P.E and topic sessions during the day.

Distance Learning

After the last lockdown, we have been working with the other schools to issue a joint protocol which outlines our offer to children. This can be found on the school website.

Learning tasks will not be on the website this time but your child will receive tasks from their class teacher through Microsoft teams. This will include a weekly topic sheet as well as daily English and Maths tasks which will include accessing some online learning sites.

Please note: These start on Monday 11th January.

Class teachers will be busy planning and uploading work during the morning sessions and are also timetabled for one or two mornings (during the three week period) to teach at the Rushen Hub.

Online provision

Unlike last time, we have created more opportunities for children and staff to interact.

Session	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Session 1 1.30pm-2.30pm All Classes	Microsoft Teams/Pastoral Care Group 3	Microsoft Teams/Pastoral Care Group 1	Microsoft Teams/Pastoral Care Group 2	Microsoft Teams Individual Slots Please book	Microsoft Teams Individual Slots Please Book
Session 4 2.45pm-3.30pm All Classes	Feedback Chats Group One (Your teacher will assign these groups)	Feedback Chats Group Two (Your teacher will assign these groups)	Feedback Chats Group Three (Your teacher will assign these groups)	Response time offline to submitted work.	Response time offline to submitted work.

Children can access these sessions via Microsoft Teams and it will give them a chance to show their teacher what they have been doing.

Individual slots on Thursday and Friday will be 15 mins and should be booked with the teacher earlier in the week. These slots are for children who need extra help or are struggling to complete some of the tasks.

Work can be submitted to teachers through Microsoft Teams.

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Contacting the school

You can contact the school secretaries during the following times;

Mrs Bell Monday 8.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3.45pm

Mrs Bell Tuesday 8.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3.45pm

Mrs Bell Wednesday 8.30am to 12.30pm

Mrs Harrison Wednesday 1.30pm to 3.45pm

Mrs Harrison Thursday 8.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3.45pm

Mrs Harrison Friday 8.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3.45pm

As you can appreciate, we are doing everything we can to make sure that your children have access to distance learning. If you think that you will have any difficulties in accessing resources or require additional resources, please contact the school office.

Although I will be teaching at the hub all day Monday and Friday afternoons, I will be available at other times to answer any queries and will have access to e-mails via the school secretaries.

We will need your child to have contact with their teacher at least once each week so if we haven't had any contact, we will follow this up with a phone call at the beginning of the following week.

Everyone did a great job last time and we really felt that we were supported by you in our efforts to provide distance learning for the children. I would like to thank you in advance for your continuing support and wish you all the best for the next three weeks. Stay safe!

Yours sincerely



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