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Dear parents and carers,

As you may be aware, schools are required to have a remote learning plan in place so that any child who cannot attend school because of COVID-19 does not miss out on their learning.

This letter explains our plans for remote learning for children who have to self-isolate, or where local or national restrictions mean that children need to stay at home.

Our remote learning plan

Our remote learning plan has been made with our pupils and their families in mind. We believe that this strategy will work best for the children at our school.

Learning will take place online, through Google Classroom, between 9am and 3pm. Suggested timetables have been put together but these are flexible as we are aware that families are sharing devices.

Teachers will pre-record the input to some lessons and these videos will be available on the Google Classroom. It may not be your class teacher providing the input, there may be a BBC Bitesize or Oak Academy supporting video lesson.

Children will be able to 'turn in' their work on Google Classroom and teachers will provide either individual or group feedback.

Children will have virtual contact with their teachers on a daily basis and will be able to ask questions through the chat function on Google Classroom. Teachers will also be in contact with families using Google Meet on at least a weekly basis.

What you will need at home

In order for pupils to be able to access remote learning and learn effectively at home, it is recommended that:

Children have access to a device that can access the internet e.g. a laptop, desktop computer or tablet.

Children will benefit from being able to use materials such as exercise books or paper and pencils so that they can learn away from a screen. Wherever possible, exercise books and materials will be sent home at the start of a period of isolation.

Ideally, children will have a quiet space where they can work without interruptions but we understand that this is not always possible. We will provide a variety of activities to ensure flexibility for families where a device is being shared or who are all working in the same space.

If your child does not have any of the above, please let us know as soon as possible (if you have not already done so) so that we can help to support you.

Kenmont Primary School have a number of Chromebooks which will be provided, on loan, to families who do not have access to any other devices. These will be allocated based on the centrally-held list (please ensure you have let us know your child doesn't have access to a device) and will be prioritised from Year 6 down.

If all the Chromebooks have been lent out to pupils, Kenmont Primary School will provide printed resources for children to complete at home.

What we expect from your child

It is important that your child engages with remote learning at home and keeps to their timetable. Further information on timetables can be found in the Remote Learning Strategy document sent out with this letter.

If your child is not engaging with the learning, we will use the following strategies to provide additional support:

Phone call home
Increased feedback

Your child's year group teachers will be available during the school day, unless they are unwell. Questions can be asked using the chat function on Google Classroom.

What you can do to help

We appreciate that if this situation arises, it may present some challenges for you. We kindly ask for your support so that we can continue to provide high-quality education for your child during this time.

Younger children, in particular, may need support in accessing online materials and staying focused with their remote learning. We ask that you help them as much as you can.

At the same time, we do not expect you to watch your child all day and we would not expect parents/carers to get involved in remote lessons in place of our teachers. But it would be really helpful if you can take an active role in your child's learning by asking them about their day and what they have learned.

Our top tips:

Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day and to keep to their timetable. We understand that it will not always be possible to follow the timetable, especially where families are sharing a device, but it is beneficial to set up and stick to a good routine.

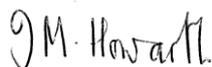
Distinguish between weekdays and weekends and make it clear when the school day is over to separate home and school life.

Plan breaks and exercise into the day to help keep your child active.

Please keep in touch with us and let us know if you are having any difficulties with remote learning or if you have any questions. The contact information for the teachers in your child's year group can be found on the year group page of the website.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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