



## School Closure Remote Learning in Early Years - Information for Parents

### **If the school closes what is expected of my child each day?**

It is important that your child continues to complete learning as if they were in school, on a daily basis, if they are not ill and are well enough to do so.

We understand that in the Early Years children's ability to complete learning for sustained periods without the support of an adult is often problematic. The approach our Early Years staff will take will include a mixture of video clips, practical and play based learning suggestions and tasks on learning platforms.

Your child's class teacher will set tasks daily through Seesaw and will hold Zoom meetings to talk with them and explain the learning. Seesaw will be the main source of communication between your child and their class teacher. It is important that your child logs on to Seesaw each morning to check what they are expected to do each day. As your child completes each of the daily tasks, you can upload their learning to Seesaw so that their teacher can give them feedback.

Your child's class teacher may also direct your child to other platforms such as Phonics Play, Oxford Owl, Epic, Spelling Shed, White Rose Maths, Maths Shed or other web-based learning sites. Your child's class teacher will make sure that you have all of your necessary log on details and passcodes.

### **What should I do if my child is ill and too poorly to complete any home learning?**

If child is too ill to complete any home learning, please contact school by telephone or email your child's class teacher to let them know that they are too unwell to complete any home learning. This is really important because if your child does not complete their home learning when they are at home, the school will treat this as non-attendance.

### **When will my child's teacher respond to home learning?**

In the event of a full school closure, your child's class teacher may be working from home. In this case, your child's teacher will respond to any learning during the normal school day. Your child's teacher's feedback

it may be verbal using the microphone tool. If your child is self-isolating the teacher will respond to their work at the end of the school day.

## **What should I do if I am having trouble accessing the internet or a suitable device for my child to work on?**

In the case of internet failure, it is important that school knows as soon as possible and your child's class teacher will provide you with alternative tasks for completion. As soon as your connectivity problems are resolved, it is important that your child logs on to Seesaw and upload photographs of the work that they have completed.

If you are having trouble accessing a suitable device to work on, it is important that you contact school and explain the situation. School may be in a position to offer you a temporary loan of equipment.

## **What should I do if my child can't access Seesaw for some reason?**



If your child's Seesaw code expires or fails for some unknown reason, you should contact school and let your child's teacher know that you are having a problem logging on to Seesaw. If your child's teacher is still at school and teaching, it is important to remember that they will not be able to resolve this issue immediately. Your child's teacher

will try to issue a new Seesaw passcode as soon as possible. In the meantime, it is important that your child logs on to other learning platforms such as Phonics Play, Epic, Spelling Shed and Maths Shed and ensure that they continue with their home learning.



## What is the best way to organise my child at home?

It is really helpful if your child has a daily routine. Below are some tips to help them:

- Get up and get dressed at the same time as you would on any normal school day.
- Make sure that you eat breakfast and have a drink of milk, water or juice- you cannot concentrate on an empty stomach!
- Find somewhere quiet to work and make sure that the TV is switched off.
- Log on to Seesaw and look carefully at the tasks that you need to complete for the day.
- Allow plenty of breaks! It is important that you do not try to rush through your home learning and complete it all in one go. If you do this, it is likely that you will make mistakes and the work will be sent back to you once your teacher has looked at it. Make sure that after a task is complete and submitted to Seesaw, you have a break and relax for a short time. If you do this, you are more likely to feel refreshed and able to concentrate better on the next task.
- Make sure that you stop for lunch so that you break up your day.
- Have regular drinks of water to keep your brain hydrated!
- Try to exercise as much as possible- perhaps in the garden or in the house. Fresh air really helps!
- Make sure that you have uploaded all of your learning to Seesaw before the end of the usual school day at 3.00pm.
- After all of this, you can relax and have some leisure time!

