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Blended Learning Approach using Microsoft Teams

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will know, we will be using Microsoft Teams as part of our blended learning approach. This will allow you child's teacher to both set and respond to learning from all children. The following information outlines the learning offer that will be available on Teams on a daily basis. Children who are still coming into school will access the same learning as those children who are learning from home.

Each year group will receive an English, Maths and Topic lesson each day. For children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2, the English session will consist of a phonics input and an English lesson. For children in Year 3 and Year 4, the English session will consist of a reading input and an English lesson.

The Phonics/Reading, English and Maths lessons will be accompanied by a pre-recorded video by your child's class teacher where they will set out the learning intention, model the learning, give time to practice and then a detailed explanation of the subsequent activity. There will also be a related challenge opportunity to extend the learning in both English and Maths. The Topic learning lesson will not be accompanied by a video but instead a clear outline of the intended learning and activity. For some Topic lessons, your child's class teacher may attach videos, website links or PowerPoints to further support.

We are aiming to design all activities where printing is kept to a minimum. Therefore, please feel free to use any resources you already have at home (for example, pens, paper, whiteboards, etc.)

As outlined earlier, we will be using Microsoft Teams. Within Microsoft Teams, there is an option to 'hand-in' the learning which will let your child's teacher know you have attempted the activity together at home. An addition to this, if you wish, you will have the ability to accompany this with images of your child's learning. Rest assured all learning that is submitted will be looked at by your child's teacher and we will endeavour to respond in timely fashion. Responses may vary (for example, a thumbs up or smiley face, or a comment) and please note that teachers will not respond if work is submitted to the communal pages.

We would also recommend that you download the 'Parentmail' app as this will ensure that you keep up to date with any new information as soon as we send it. Also coming soon will be a letter outlining daily activities that you could continue with at home and a bank of useful resources and website links that could be helpful to you.

Many thanks for your continued support and patience at this time. If you have any questions about our blended learning approach, please don't hesitate to contact me (d.saunders@henburyview.dorset.sch.uk)

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