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We appreciate that accessing learning online can be very difficult for a number of reasons and we do not anticipate this will get much easier the longer schools are closed. To try and help we have put together a few FAQs about some of the common challenges being experienced by families. The FAQs have been arranged in phases but they possibly apply to all children. After the FAQs there are some helpful <u>links</u> to curriculum and wellbeing support.

Hope these help and, above all, we hope you are all safe and well.

Remote Learning FAQs

Early Years

How do the children receive their learning tasks?

Children in Nursery and Reception will receive daily suggestions on Tapestry.

How much learning does my child need to do?

It would be great if the children could manage 1 or 2 of the suggested daily tasks, preferably the maths and phonics activities. However, young children learn through play so any active play which encourages talk and problem solving is going to be helpful. Simple things such as being involved in family activities like - cooking, setting the table, sorting out pairs of socks in the washing, etc. Obviously the more they do at home, the easier the transition back to school will be.

Do I have to upload the children's learning to Tapestry?

That would be ideal, if possible, however it is not necessary for everything. Teachers like to see the children developing and progressing so a brief comment would be great. A video or image would be even better but is not necessary. Once you post, the teachers will write a next step which helps your child progress but also gives you additional support. If parents prefer for the teachers to upload pictures to Tapestry or are experiencing any difficulties please

email <u>nursery@wormleyprimary.co.uk</u> or <u>reception@wormleyprimary.co.uk</u>

<u>KS1 & KS2</u>

Does my child have to access Google Classroom every day?

Ideally, yes because there are a range of activities carefully designed for your child to ensure they are practising and extending their learning of the curriculum. New tasks are posted every morning on









Goggle and although many are expected to be completed the same day, it is OK for the children to work and their own pace and hand in the tasks as they finish.

However, we understand that it is not always possible for children to access Google every day. So, all we suggest is that the children are engaged in some kind of learning daily. This might be traditional learning such as reading, practising their tables or writing a story but it also might be something more creative such as following instructions to make a recipe or counting birds out the window.

We are having trouble logging on to Google Classroom. Can anyone help?

Yes. Simply phone (01992303331) or email the school (admin@wormleyprimary.co.uk). Someone will be in contact by phone. Please be aware that we might be calling from home so the number will show as a private number.

We are in Google Classroom but my child needs help. What do I do?

Either follow the instructions above to contact school or you can leave a private message for the teacher. This link will show you how <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ayQm7Ma2d_c</u> Teachers will aim to respond quickly however they are managing an entire class online and many are also parents/carers themselves. Typically, teachers are monitoring the classroom messages until lunch time and then spending the afternoon marking and preparing learning.

What do I do if my child is refusing to do their learning?

It is not unusual for children to be reluctant to engage with their learning at home for lots of different reasons. You might experience tears, shouting and much more but, as hard as it might be, it's important you <u>remain calm</u>. When children's feelings get too big for them they don't always have the words to express how they feel, <u>so they act</u>. If this happens, and links in this paragraph do not help, either contact the teacher via a private message or contact the school. Sometimes it only takes a little message and words of encouragement to get them back on their way! To try and avoid this you might consider the tips on learning at home from <u>Parent Club</u>.

What if my child cannot access Google Classroom at all?

For some children, learning online is not possible. If this is the case for your child, please contact the school and we will arrange for a learning pack to be sent home or to be collected. The learning pack will have some traditional ideas and some suggestions of activities that are more open-ended.

Does my child have to complete everything on Google Classroom?

No. We agreed to plan for about 1 hour of English and 1 hour of maths daily. We have also planned some other mini-projects, such as geography and science, that can be completed by the end of the week. In addition there are smaller activities that encourage the children to be physically or mentally active, such as <u>fitness with Joe Wicks</u>, <u>Cosmic Kids Yoga</u>, daily questions and brain teasers. For some children, the amount planned by the teacher is not enough and for others it is too much.

We do not expect the children to be working for more than 2/3 hours a day on their tasks. They might choose to be on Google Classroom for longer but that is not our expectation. Just like it is in the classroom, the children only need to do their best to try and complete as much as they can in the time available. For some families, having plenty of structured learning is really helpful and for others it is presenting challenges. We understand this and are supporting families to find suitable routines and expectations. If you need further support with this, please contact the class teacher.









<u>Useful links</u>

Curriculum https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning https://ttrockstars.com/ https://www.spag.com/ https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/28781 https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/#

Wellbeing

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-youngpeoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-andyoung-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak#content https://www.justtalkherts.org/media/documents/information-for-children-and-young-people-duringcoronavirus.pdf

https://www.justtalkherts.org/news/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus.aspx https://www.actionforhappiness.org/coping-calendar

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	C	an you draw or write down things that make you feel calm? For example, a happy place, your favourite hobby.
	Ă	re you feeling worried or upset? It's okay if you do and it's good to tell others how you feel.
		isten to the thoughts in your head and how your body feels.
	M	ake a list of things you enjoy doing to help yourself feel better.
	E	veryone feels worried sometimes. When you've felt worried before, what helped you feel better then?
	R	emember to keep talking to an adult at home about how you're feeling.
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