

5th January 2020

YR – Y5 Remote Learning Arrangements

Dear Parent and Carer,

Following last night's government announcement, I am writing to advise you of the remote learning arrangements for children in Year R – Year 5 during this latest period of school closure. We have been developing our remote learning provision and will be moving to using MS Teams as our on-line learning platform during the term ahead. Many of you with secondary phase siblings will be familiar with MS Teams and most primary parents participated in our MS Team parents evenings in October. We will be introducing this approach, in the week beginning Monday 11th January.

In the short term, from Wednesday 6th – Friday 8th January, teachers will continue to set work for the children the on the year group blogs, which will be available from 8:30 am on Wednesday 6th January. You can find your child's year group by clicking on the following link:

[CCS Primary Blogs](#)

On the blog you will find a welcome message from your child's teachers. The work set also includes the use of Microsoft SWAY to present the learning content and MS PowerPoint lessons, where the teacher has recorded a voiceover to explain the learning, together with links to the learning activities and online applications such as Bug Club, Education City, TT Rock Stars, Oak Academy and our new application, MyMaths. As a guide, primary children are expected to spend at least 3 hours a day engaged in remote learning activities, where possible. We understand that supporting young children in their learning at home in lock down circumstances can be a challenge and your support is very much appreciated.

From 11th January, we are aiming to move onto using Microsoft Teams for all year groups, to be able to provide more interactive lessons for children including the opportunity for virtual, face-to-face interaction with class teachers and live lessons. Instructions and expectations on installing and using Microsoft Teams to access and complete home learning assignments will be sent to parents by the end of this week.

If you have any further queries or have any issues using the blog or Microsoft Teams, please contact the primary office by email on primaryoffice@ccs.northants.sch.uk or by telephone on 01604 669210.

Thank you for your continued support in these difficult circumstances. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the situation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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