



Wednesday 6th January 2021

Dear Parents / Carer,

Remote Learning Update

How are you all keeping?

Welcome back to home learning. This letter gives an update on what you should expect from school over the coming week. As you will be aware, the Executive has agreed that school will remain closed up until the mid term break in February and that remote learning will take place up until this point.

What remote learning will we provide?

- For this week, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th January, children should work on their packs of work that have been sent home.
- From Monday 11th January, the children should continue to work on this pack, however, the class teacher will provide additional online learning support materials on the home learning pages of our school website. Parents can access this additional information at the beginning of each week. This will include a short video from the teachers for the children to watch, attachments and links to support the teaching of the content of the packs and any other additional resources the children will need.
- We have purchased an online package that enables staff to set work for individual children in English and Maths and also allows the staff to see how each child is doing on the task set. This is called IXL. **More information about IXL and how it will work is explained at the end of this letter.** Staff will set each child 1 online Literacy and 1 online Numeracy activity per day, by 9:30am on IXL. This means that when the children log on they will be able to see the activity that the teacher has set them.
- So, at home, children will have printed packs to work from, alongside additional materials put up on the school website and some additional literacy and numeracy activities on a daily basis via IXL.

Communication between school and parents / pupils.

- As already mentioned above, IXL allows teachers to see how children are getting on and progressing through a particular task. If a teacher sees that a child is struggling they will make contact, via phone, to try to provide some additional help and to provide any alternative activities that may help.
- Each class teacher will make at least 1 phone call to each child / parent on a weekly basis to have a short catch up with them. This will allow the children to keep in touch with the



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- teacher but also allow the parents to ask any specific questions they may have. All parents/children will receive a call next week, however, if you feel that you do not require a call on a weekly basis just let the class teacher know during the initial phone call next week. Please be advised that it is likely that the call will come from an unknown number.
- From Monday, the class teachers will display their work e-mail address on the home learning pages on the school website. If any parents / carers would like any feedback from the work children have completed on the printed packs at home, parents can simply take a picture of the piece of work and email it to the class teacher. The class teacher will respond as soon as possible, however, the response will likely come during working hours.

What will happen when my child finishes the pack we have at home?

As a school, we have decided that it is beneficial for children to have a range of online work and printed work to complete – and that this may make it easier for parents. So, once the packs of work are completed at home, school will provide another pack of printed work, to cover a fortnight, for all children in school.

School will be open on the following dates / times for parents / carers to come and collect new packs. **Please jot these dates down on a calendar.** 😊

- **Thursday 14th and Friday 15th January from 9am – 2pm.** The work in these packs will be for children to do between Monday 18th – Friday 29th January.
- **Thursday 28th and Friday 29th January from 9am – 2pm.** The work in these packs will be for children to do between Mondays 1st – Friday 12th February.

What is IXL and how will it work?

- IXL is an online learning tool that allows teachers to set work for groups of children or individual children based on ability.
- Teachers will set 1 literacy and 1 numeracy activity for each child on a daily basis – by 9:30am each day.
- Don't worry...if your child doesn't get to do the activity on the set day, it will stay live in their account until the end of the week. So they can access it at any point. Teachers will clear the list of activities each Friday ready for the new activities to go live the next week.
- No online system is perfect. For IXL, an activity is deemed complete when a child hits 100 points. When children get a question correct their points go up. If they get a question wrong their points go down. We will leave this up to parents / carers to decide if children have spent enough time on it. If children are struggling on an activity just ask them to stop. Class teachers will be able to see the score children achieved and if they worked well through the activity or struggled. You don't need to hit the score of 100 each time.



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How will my child access IXL?

- Children can login at <https://uk.ixl.com/signin>
- Class teachers will contact parents / carers either by phone or text by the end of this week with your child's logon details.

Hopefully this letter has given you more information on how we plan to deliver remote learning this term. Please remember that SLIDO is also up and running should you wish to ask any generic questions.

To access SLIDO go to <https://www.sli.do/>

In the box on the screen that says 'Enter Code Here' use the following codes that relate to your year group:

Nursery - #VictoriaNursery

Primary 1 - #VictoriaP1

Primary 2 - #VictoriaP2

Primary 3 - #VictoriaP3

Primary 4 - #VictoriaP4

Primary 5 - #VictoriaP5

Primary 6 - #VictoriaP6

Primary 7 - #VictoriaP7

To ask me a question - #VictoriaFAQ

Good luck with your remote learning and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C. Fulton
Principal