



Dear Parents/Carers,

6.1.21

### Remote Learning Grids

You are receiving this letter as the Government has now instructed that all schools must, once again, close for at least this half-term. We will keep in contact with you by text and by email (via ParentPay) and you can contact us directly by email: [hesleden@durhamlearning.net](mailto:hesleden@durhamlearning.net) or 01429 836376 (please leave a message if not answered) and we will get back in touch.

You should have already received the Remote Learning Provision plan by email at the weekend. The document gives an overview of what will be provided and what the expectations are. If you have any problems or questions, please get in touch.

Yesterday, in school, teachers updated their remote learning grids with online links to support the 'offline' tasks. They have also tweaked the introduction box to make it more relevant to their class. If children have forgotten their logins for online apps, please let us know and we'll resend them. These grids are attached with this letter and will be uploaded to class pages on our website.

Each week, the remote learning grid will be sent to you via the email address you have registered on ParentPay. The grid will be sent regardless of whether children are in school or at home learning. The tasks will continue to reinforce and extend learning, with teachers making telephone contact with their families at least once a week to provide further support.

You will see (Y1-Y6) that there is a suggested timetable for home learning tasks. This might help you to structure part of your day. The timetable will also match the learning taking place for children of critical workers in school, keeping the children in line with each other.

For children in Nursery and Reception, Mrs Allen will be posting 'memos' and activity suggestions on Tapestry and you can access these through your account. Contact us for help if you don't already know how to do this.

For children in Year 5 & Year 6, Mrs Johnson and Mr Smith are currently working to set up communication via Teams and we will be in touch (hopefully by the end of the week) with information about this, user guides and logins. The children attending school in these year groups will also work on Teams. Please note – this is not face-to-face or live teaching, but work will be posted and monitored, and there will be communication opportunities between teachers and children.

This may be rolled out to Class 3 then Class 2 if it is successful and manageable, depending on timescales.

We will, once again, provide additional links to online learning and resources on our Twitter feed; please follow us [www.twitter.com/hesledenprimary](https://www.twitter.com/hesledenprimary). We would enjoy seeing what the children are up to and you can show us with picture/comments posted using @hesledenprimary

We were very sad not to get the opportunity to say goodbye to the children and set them on their home learning journey, but we hope that they manage to work with a little bit of structure, and encouragement from their teachers.

We will be in touch, but please let us know if you need anything at any time.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Dunn