



Hoyland Springwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mrs Hunt to the whole school:

Lots of people are feeling stressed, overwhelmed and under pressure by everything that's happening. This includes the work being sent home for your child. I wanted to just give my perspective on it all as a Headteacher and I hope this can help with that.

1) This is not home schooling. This is an unprecedented emergency situation impacting on the whole world. Let's keep perspective. Home schooling is a choice, you plan for it and you are your child's schoolteacher in whatever form you choose. This is, at best, distance learning and is still the responsibility of your child's class teacher.

2) You are, and always have been, your child's primary educator and you have done a marvellous job. Look how thoughtful, kind, determined and persevering your children are and that is thanks to you.

3) It is absolutely not possible to facilitate distance learning with a primary aged child and work from home at the same time. The very idea is nonsense. If you're trying to do that, please stop and look at the activities sent by the teachers on Seesaw and look at what can be done at another time. It doesn't all have to be done during the school day, but at a time suitable to you as a family.

4) Facilitating learning for more than 1 child of different ages is very hard. This is why we have timetabled daily Zoom meetings and have thought carefully about the amount of time we are expecting the children to work in front of a screen. If you don't have the hardware or internet data for 1 or multiple children, please contact school about this.

Message from Miss Rooney:

I wanted to outline what the remote learning offer will look like for your child in Moose class. There will be a live catch-up and teaching session each day at 11:30am on Zoom. Additional work will be set via Seesaw and video tutorials will be included where necessary.

Each day, your child will be set a:

- Spelling activity
- Reading activity
- Writing or Grammar activity
- Maths activity
- Wider curriculum activity (e.g. Science, History, Geography, Art, PSHE)

There will be additional challenges set on TT Rockstars and Purple Mash. I will also send out some ideas for short P.E. sessions each week. Joe Wicks is once again starting his live P.E. sessions from Monday if you are interested in following him on YouTube.

We love to see what the children are doing at home so please upload any work or photographs to Seesaw. I have set up a 'Lockdown journal' for Moose class which I will fill with all the exciting learning that the children have done. They can then look back on this and remember how amazing they all were during this unusual time.

If your child is having difficulties with any of the learning activities, I can be messaged through Seesaw and further support can be offered. I am happy to set up separate tutorials through Seesaw or Zoom for any child that requires help.

If your child is having trouble settling into their learning at home, please do not hesitate to contact school and we will support you.

We want to ensure that learning is as good as it can be for as long as this school closure may continue. If there are any aspects of the remote learning approach that are not running effectively for you, please contact me so that we can ensure that your child's learning is suitable for their needs.

Thank you for your support at this time,

Miss M Rooney