



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 somewhat.

- 1) This is not homeschooling. This is an unprecedented emergency situation impacting on the whole world. Let's keep perspective. Homeschooling is a choice, where you considered, you plan for it and you are your child's school teacher 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 timetables to zoom 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 Mrs Brown:

I wanted to outline what the remote learning offer will look like for your child in our class:

In Squirrels class, we learn through play! We normally have shorter teaching input followed by practical activities and songs. In class we start off with Cosmic Kids yoga, then RWI (up to 1 hour), Math Input (White Rose Maths) including the short activity, then our topic work 'People who help us! Once the children have completed their activity then they normally access continuous provision (play within the classroom)

On Seesaw I will place my learning plan for the week, including links to various sites that we feel are beneficial for your children, including songs/dances/etc. This will evolve as the weeks go on, It's a learning curve for all of us!

How you organise your day is entirely up to you. However this is the plan we will be following in class (with approximate timings)

9am Joe Wicks (Mon/Wed/Fri) Cosmic Kids yoga or similar activity (a walk or half an hour active play – dance etc

10.00 Zoom

10.30 RWI

Lunch

1pm White Rose Maths

2pm Topic including Art/History/Music/Geography/Numbots/Science/Purple Mash etc.

If your child struggles with any of the learning activities, please message me through seesaw as support can then be offered.

If your child refuses to complete any learning at home please contact school and we will support you.

If you are struggling to find something or work out how to do something on Seesaw or that relates to your child's learning, please call school and you will be able to talk to class staff about it.

We want to ensure that learning is as good as it can be for as long as this school closure may continue