



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 Fear

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

We will start each day with a zoom meeting where we will make sure your children are all ok and we will do a teach about one of the subjects learning for the day. Each day, your child will be given a reading activity- linked to Fantastic Mr Fox, which they have in their homelearning packs and which will be read aloud, as well, by myself in case they are struggling to read parts of it. If your child is on Read Write Inc, they will receive a link to the work and videos that they need to do their reading session. There will be a literacy activity and maths activity everyday. These will involve a video on seesaw or teaching through the morning zoom session with questions or activities that they can complete at a time to suit your family. I know, from my own children, that writing things onto seesaw sheets can be very tricky and frustrating so please feel free to write the answers on paper and upload a photo instead. There will also be one curriculum subject set for the day. In addition to these 4 core lessons, there will be TT rockstars and purple mash activities along with a short daily handwriting activity with an instruction video on seesaw and I will sometimes add short PE sessions and drawing activities that are optional if you and your child want to join in with them.

If your child is struggling or finding any of the learning difficult, I am here to help. Please get them to contact me through seesaw and I will give individual responses to their questions or set up personal zoom sessions to talk them through it. I want them to use me as their teacher rather than you as that is my job!

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

