



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 as 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 Hoyle

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

Our class zoom is 10:45 – 1115

Each day I will provide for your child on Seesaw phonics or reading & writing.

Maths will be on Seesaw, there will be one video each day and the accompanying worksheet is in your child's pack. The video begins with 4 questions, it would be great if you could answer the questions in the provided book and upload a picture to Seesaw then complete the worksheet.

There will be a topic lesson each day on Seesaw or links to relevant clips.

The above is what children are asked to do **each day**.

In addition to the core lessons we are aiming to provide a story each day and other optional activities on Seesaw. There will be a handwriting lesson. Numbots, TT rockstars and Purplemash passwords are in your child's pack.

If your child struggles with any of the learning activities, please message the teachers through seesaw as then support can 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

