



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 home schooling. This is an unprecedented emergency situation impacting on the whole world. Let's keep perspective. Home schooling 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 planned 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 Parker

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

- Your child is expected to join our zoom meeting every day at 2pm
- They are expected to either complete the activities set on See-Saw, or the matching paper activities that have been delivered alongside the resources (There is no expectation to do both)
- To go on TT Rockstars at least three times a week
- To read at least three times a week for a minimum of 20 minutes each time.
- To be kind to themselves
- To stay safe
- 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