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## Remote Learning

Dear Parent/ Carers,

I would like to start, by thanking everyone for their continued support, since the announcement late on Monday night regarding the National Lockdown. In line with national guidance, pupils will be provided with remote education until the February half term holidays. School will remain open for children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils only.

### Showbie

Remote learning will be provided via the Showbie platform.

Showbie can be accessed via the Showbie app on apple devices and via the website:

<https://my.showbie.com> on android devices.

- Children can use a laptop or tablet to work directly on Showbie or
- use a phone to access the learning, record their work on paper, photograph this and upload it back to Showbie to send to their teacher.

We are working hard to access some external support with additional electronic devices for children and will be in touch with individuals. If you require this support, please contact the school as soon as possible. Workbooks for children to work in, photograph and upload their work from will be available from the school hall doors on Friday 8.1.21.

All children have a log in and password to Showbie however if you need help with this please contact the school office as soon as possible. It is expected that this login remains confidential to the family and not shared with other pupils or families. We expect pupils to keep their device secure by logging out if they are away from the device/the device is not in use. There is a parent guide to Showbie under the Covid 19 – home learning – Showbie tab to support you with this programme.

### Home learning

Every day by 10am we will provide a daily English session, a Maths session and some wider curriculum sessions. Children will also be asked to complete their usual daily 5 a day maths challenges and will have access to their class teacher reading a story to them.

We ask that parents encourage and support their child to complete the activities to the best of their abilities. If your child is experiencing difficulties completing any work, please do not worry, they can contact their class teacher on Showbie and the class teacher will respond as soon as is possible. Alternatively, parents can email school, via the school account, care of the class teacher and the school office will forward on the message.



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Where we become aware that children have experienced difficulties or haven't completed activities, we will contact parents to see if we can offer further support. We appreciate that parents may be working from home and trying to support more than one pupil, we understand that this is a new and challenging time for everyone and that experience will vary, we would therefore like to remind parents not to worry if a task can't be completed.

You will receive a weekly welfare call from your class teacher. Within this you can discuss any concerns you have or ask any questions about the home learning provided.

Thank you again for your understanding and continued support during these challenging times. If you have any urgent concerns or questions, please contact the school office directly. We will also be updating the school website regularly with key information and messages.

Yours faithfully

*S Matthews*

Mrs Matthews  
Deputy head teacher