



### FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY, 2021

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Since the opening of school on Wednesday 6th January 2021, our children, from Nursery to Year 6, have been immersed in high-quality live lessons whether they are learning face-to-face or online via Microsoft Teams. On a daily basis, at least one hour of live lessons are delivered for Early Years, at least three hours for Key Stage 1 and at least four hours for Key Stage 2.

The children have enjoyed learning and interacting with their class teachers and friends each day during English, Mathematics and Foundation subjects. Some children have also benefitted from online interventions with their teachers to help them catch up and close the gaps in their learning. Thank you to all the parents, guardians and carers who completed the survey about their child's remote learning after the first three days of school. Your valuable feedback has assisted us in improving the online experience this week.

Well done to all the children who have ensured that they attend their online sessions as per their daily timetable and have been very resilient in their learning.



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# **Remote Learning Expectations for Pupils**

All children are expected to dress in full school uniform whether they are learning remotely or face-to-face.

You must:

• Identify a comfortable, quiet space in your home where you can work effectively and successfully;

- Log on to Microsoft Teams as directed on your Teams calendar and timetable;
- Do your best to complete and upload your work for feedback;
- Communicate with your teachers if you are unable to complete your work or require additional support;

• Make sure that all your communication with pupils and teachers is responsible and sensible;

• Never deliberately browse, download, upload or forward material that could be considered offensive or illegal. If you accidentally come across any such material, you must report it immediately to your teachers or your parent, guardian or carer;

• Conduct yourself online as you would in a face-to-face classroom;

• Make sure you log off from Microsoft Teams as soon as the teachers indicate to do so and do not stay in the lesson or any private chat group(s) after the teachers have left.

### **Private Group Chat on Teams**

Children are not permitted to create their own private group chat sessions on Microsoft Teams as it is not considered safe. They are only allowed to communicate within their Class group chat where the teachers are able to monitor and assist them. We are imploring all parents, guardians and carers to ensure that the children do not access our Teams platform outside of school and scheduled class times. Please encourage your child to report if they have been invited to any private groups on Teams. Thank you very much for your usual cooperation on this matter and your dedication in keep the children safe from any online incidents or bullying.



### Attendance Expectations

All children from Nursery to Year 6 are expected to engage in daily learning. If for any reason your child is not able to access his or her learning via Microsoft Teams or attend lessons face-to-face, you should follow our usual attendance procedures by calling or emailing the School to inform us of the reasons.

We monitor all children's attendance daily and you will be contacted if your child is not in attendance.

# **Home Learning Packs**

The teachers have organised and printed the home learning packs to cover the next four weeks of learning. We would like to thank all the children who have been very responsible and resourceful with their home learning by completing the work we have previously sent home alongside online learning.

Previously, the home learning packs were posted to the child's home address, however, we are currently unable to facilitate this.

Therefore, we would like to ask all parents, guardians or carers of Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 to come to the School from the afternoon of Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th January to collect their new packs.

# Login Issues on Teams

We hope that all parents, guardians and carers are able to login to their children's email account at this stage. If you are experiencing problems with the original password, please contact us as we will need to reset the password before you can access the account.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

# **Online Learning Resources**

As we undergo another national lockdown, we urge all parents, guardians and carers to continue to foster an active approach in assisting your child with their learning at home. To support your child's home learning, we will continue to share a range of online learning resources via the School newsletters and website, thus, please ensure you check the School website for regular updates.

Although we are encouraging pupils to utilise these online learning materials, we must also remind you that these resources are provided for pupils to make the most out of their learning experience at home.

This is not to replace the work that has been set by their teachers but rather to supplement it, should they wish to extend their leaning.

Below are some useful links for free online learning resources that have been made available to ensure continuity in education.

### Oak National Academy

https://www.thenational.academy/ BBC live lessons programme

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons

Khan Academy

https://www.khanacademy.org/

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# **Remote Learning**

We would like to remind all parents, guardians and carers to access additional online resources to support their child's learning; these are accessible on the links below.

### Active Learn/Bug Club - All Year Groups

https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/

Purple Mash - Reception to Year 6

https://www.purplemash.com/sch/hewenspri

Times Tables Rock Stars - Year 1 to Year 6

https://play.ttrockstars.com/

Your child's login details for Active Learn, Purple Mash and Times Tables Rock Stars can be found on the front of their reading record. If your child does not know their login details, please request this information **by emailing Miss Bali at hewensprimary@trhat.org.** 

### Government Announcement on SATs Assessments

The Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, announced on Wednesday 6th January that SATs assessments for primary schools will not be going ahead this year. The rationale is that removing the need for these external assessments will allow schools more time to deliver their full curriculum, ensuring children do not miss out on the breadth and depth of their skills and knowledge development in each subject right up until the end of the summer term. We will continue to undertake teacher assessments in order to track pupil progress, and to ensure that there is accurate and useful progress information about each child when they transition to their next year group. This is especially important for Year 6 as they prepare to move into secondary education. HEWENS

Week Commencing: *Monday 18th January* SPECIAL MENU

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Goujons with Potato Wedges, Beans and Vegetables	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Goujons with Potato Wedges, Beans and Vegetables	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Cheese and Onion Quiche with Potato Wedges, Beans and Vegetables	Vegetarian
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Macaroni Cheese and Vegetables	Vegetarian
WEDNESDA	Y	
Meal Choice 1	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Vegetarian
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Sausages with Sliced Potatoes and Beans	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Pork Sausages with Sliced Potatoes and Beans	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Sausages with Sliced Potatoes and Beans	Vegetarian
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Cooked Chips and Beans	
Meal Choice 2	Quorn Nuggets with Oven Cooked Chips and Beans	Vegetarian
The daily dessert choices will be as follows: Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Jelly or Ice Cream pots		

# **Use of Social Media**

Parents, guardians and carers are reminded that children must be 13 years of age in order to have a Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Snapchat account, and 16 years of age to use WhatsApp. You can find more information on age restrictions from The Safer Internet Guide, available here: [https://www.saferinternet.org. uk/blog/age-restrictions-social-media-services].

During lockdown, there may be an increase in children wanting to access social media and to communicate with others online, and we ask parents, guardians and carers to closely monitor this to prevent risks and help keep their children safe.



# **SCHOOL IS STILL OPEN**

We are open to care for our pupils who are vulnerable and those whose parents are essential Key Workers.

