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Dear Parent/Carer

HOME SCHOOLING DURING SELF-ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE

Thank you for the many of you who have communicated with us daily to let us know that your child needs to self-isolate or quarantine as part of the government's Coronavirus regulations. We realise that this can be a difficult situation for both you and your child, as they miss lessons, the routine of coming to school and seeing their friends and teachers.

In order to help your child to keep up with their schoolwork we recommend that you follow the following programmes of school work, unless, of course, your child is not well enough to work.

Daily Maths

We suggest that your child could do two types of Maths work each day, a 'White Rose' Maths lesson and some work on number bonds or times tables.

The following link will take you to the White Rose Maths website. At school we follow this programme of work, and the online activities provided here match the lessons happening in school closely, so your child will study the same topics as their classmates while they are at home.

To access the right lessons for your child follow these instructions:

1. Click on this link: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>
2. Select your child's year group.
3. Select the current week number (Week 1 is 7th September, Week 2 is 14th September etc).
4. Select the first day's lesson (there are 5 for each week, for Monday to Friday) and watch the video.

The videos refer to worksheets which you can access electronically. However, these are not essential as simply practising the tasks provided in the video may be enough for you and your child.

To practise times tables, all children from Year 1 to Year 6 will soon have a login for Times Tables Rock Stars.

Daily English

As part of their response to the Coronavirus pandemic and lockdown, the government has set up a national online school called Oak Academy. Our teachers have used some of these lessons and the quality is good.

To access the Oak Academy English lessons follow these instructions:

1. Use Google Chrome or Safari for best results.
2. Click on this link: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage>
3. Choose the right key stage for your child (Reception is Early Years Foundation Stage, Years 1 and 2 are Key Stage 1, and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are Key Stage 2).
4. Select 'English'.
5. Choose one of the programmes of work to follow over the next few days. Most of the programmes of work last for 10 days. You could choose a programme of work that particularly interests your child, or something they have been working on in class recently.
6. Select the first lesson in the programme of work and start the video. A friendly online teacher will guide your child through their learning tasks. The next day you can move on to lesson 2 etc.

Use our school website to access the Spellings for your child's particular year group so that you can practise their spellings by playing games at home. As well as this it is crucial that your child spends some time reading each day, either by themselves or to you.

Other subjects

The Oak Academy also has some great online lessons for other subjects your child would be studying in school, such as Science, Geography and History. If you would like your child to do some other online learning, these are recommended.

Access the Oak Academy lessons for other subjects in the same way as English (see above) but choose the subject you require instead.

Sharing your child's work with the school

While your child is absent from school we really want to keep in touch. In the next couple of weeks we are going to be rolling out a new system of evidencing work called Seesaw. In the meantime, please email your class teacher using the class email addresses given in last Friday's email.

General advice

We know that home schooling is not the same as coming to school. If you manage to do some academic learning with your child each day, well done! Do remember that they will also learn all sorts of new skills by helping with cooking and cleaning, spending time in the garden, having a bit of screen time and doing creative activities.

If the situation changes and your child's whole class is asked to stay at home the arrangements will be slightly different. Information on this, will come home should the matter arise.

Help from school while your child is absent

Whilst your child is absent from school, please do contact me if you have any queries or questions about home learning, returning to school or any anxiety your child (or you) may be feeling. I am very happy to help, and will liaise with other staff if needed. My email address at school is mlamb@sibertswold.kent.sch.uk or you can call me through the school office.

Yours sincerely

Many thanks

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