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Dear parents/ carers

The purpose of this letter is to outline requirements for home learning. There are a number of circumstances that could arise where you would be required to ensure that your child is accessing home learning. These are:

1. In the event that they are self-isolating because of a family member with symptoms
2. In the event that you have chosen to keep them at home because someone in the household is clinically extremely vulnerable (although current guidance states that children should attend school in this scenario)
3. In the event of their bubble in school being closed
4. In the event of a whole school closure for any reason

If a child is absent because they themselves are unwell with coronavirus, then they would not be expected to complete home learning.

Reception and Year 1 should access home learning via Class Dojo.

Years 2 – 6 should access home learning via Google Classroom

Children have had logins since the first week in September and have had training in school showing them how to access their relevant learning platform. Parent guides have been published on the home learning page on our school website. Mrs Price will also be delivering a session next week via Zoom to demonstrate to parents how to access these learning platforms and will send out a text message with a link that you can click on to join the meeting.

As part of our Home Learning Policy and as a result of Ofsted and Department for Education requirements, home learning will be monitored. Teachers will be providing feedback on home learning completed and contacting parents where it has not been engaged with. All schools have a legal obligation to provide quality home learning that reflects the curriculum delivered in school and give feedback on it. Teaching Assistants will also make welfare calls to parents in the event of a bubble or school closure where families can ask for support if they require it.

As our home learning involves videos and contains worksheets that allow use to give feedback to children, it is really important that where a family has internet and access to a suitable device, that all learning is completed online. In our recent survey 100% of families told us that they have internet access at home and most had access to a suitable device. If this is not the case for you, I would ask you to complete the survey or contact the

school office. Paper-based learning will be made available but this must be photographed and sent to the class teacher on your child's learning platform, all of which can be done on a mobile phone. It is important that children do not receive too much support when completing this home learning from parents to allow the teacher to get a flavour of whether they are able to access and complete the learning to a good standard.

We must ensure that our children keep up with their learning. Class teachers are also sending home maths homework throughout the week which is linked to that day's lesson so is an opportunity for children to practice what they have learnt that day. They should be able to complete this independently. Reading is absolutely vital in order to increase our known vocabulary and to access the wider curriculum. Children should be reading 5 times per week.

I want to thank you for your support and for working with us in supporting your child's education. We are all raising the children together and we won't always get it 100% right, nevertheless I know we will all strive to do our best for them.

Please do email me should you wish to discuss this further via head@theoaks.cheshire.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Louise Roberts

Head teacher