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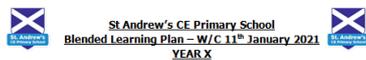
Dear Parents and carers,

First of all, we would like to send our sincerest thanks to all who have sent messages of support at what continues to be extremely difficult and challenging times. We understand that the government's announcements to 'close' all schools at such short notice on Monday caused huge amounts of anxiety and stress to parents and children alike. This isn't what we hoped and prayed for in 2021 and we know that it presents us all with more challenges but we would like to re-assure you that we will be continuing to support all of the children and yourselves in any way possible.

**Remote Home Learning – Microsoft Teams and Tapestry.**

All children, apart from key worker and vulnerable children, have moved to home learning on Microsoft Teams. Reception children find this difficult to navigate and so their home learning will utilise the Tapestry App. During the Autumn Term staff put a lot of preparation in to using teams but there will be some inevitable teething and technical problems. We hope that such issues will be ironed out promptly. If you are experiencing any technical difficulties at all, please let us know as soon as possible so we can help with this. There is an information video on our Facebook page that will hopefully help too. If you are in need of support with internet usage and data allowance, please let us know because the government have informed school that there is apparently help available for this.

Children's in school and remote learning will follow a timetable (the same learning for those in school and at home), along with additional suggested learning activities, as closely as possible. Your child's class teacher will share, if they haven't yet done so, the weekly timetable with you (an example is below). The children have two live sessions with their teacher each day. These differ for each class so that we can stagger the need for WiFi and gadget usage at home. We are also aware now that Xbox and Playstations can access Teams. Instructions are included with this letter and on our Facebook page. The live sessions will support any of the learning set. The teaching sessions for Maths and English are delivered via White Rose Maths and Oak Academy so they are recorded and can be re-visited and pause if required. Staff are available on Teams throughout the day to provide support and feedback. Reception class have been provided with a pack of work resources and Year 1 have a workbook they can use. These are available for collection in the entrance foyer if you have not already done so.



**Eg TEAMS SESSIONS: 10:30am-11:00am and 2:00pm-2:20pm**

Log in to Microsoft Teams and look out for the notification that a meeting has started. It is an expectation that all children attend the morning meeting and if needed the afternoon meeting. Any work submitted by 4:00pm will be responded to the same day. Any work submitted after this time may not be responded to until the next school day.

<b>Reading</b>	Independent Reading – please read your reading book independently for 20 minutes each day. You can log on to Oxford Owl to find other books in your band. <a href="https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/please-log-in">https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/please-log-in</a> Our username is XXXXXX Password isXXXXXX
<b>Spellings</b>	Please practice this week's spellings. Spellings will be posted with Monday's Resources. You can use the Look, Cover, Say, Write, Check sheet posted with Monday's resources.
<b>Maths</b>	This week we will be looking at <b>INSERT UNIT HERE</b> using White Rose Maths. Here is the link to this week's videos; <a href="#">Week 1 – Number: Multiplication &amp; Division 1 White Rose Maths</a>  Worksheets will be uploaded daily to the assignment on Microsoft TEAMS We will also post the answers for you to mark your own work once you have watched the video and tried the sheet. Please try the worksheet and answer as many questions as you can BEFORE looking at the answers.  Don't forget I will go through any bits you find difficult in our afternoon TEAMS Session.
<b>Times Tables</b>	Practice your times tables on TT <a href="#">Rockstars</a> . Your login details should be stuck in your reading record. <a href="#">Times Tables Rock Stars (tt.rockstars.com)</a>

<b>English</b>	We are going to be using Oak Academy for our English. Here is a link to this week's unit; <a href="#">The Borrowers - Narrative writing - Oak National Academy (thenational.academy)</a> Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday – Friday –
<b>Foundation</b>	<b>Monday – PHSE &amp; MUSIC</b> <b>Tuesday – COMPUTING –XXXXXX will set a Computing Assignment in TEAMS</b> <b>Wednesday – RE – Our RE Learning Challenge this term is all about Jesus' Miracles. Watch this video (LINK) then draw a collage of the miracles Jesus performed.</b> <b>Thursday – LEARNING CHALLENGE – We are starting our new learning challenge, Why is the River Thames important to London? Look at the first lesson on Oak Academy; <a href="https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/where-are-the-worlds-rivers-6dh32d">https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/where-are-the-worlds-rivers-6dh32d</a> and submit any work you complete.</b> <b>Friday – ART</b>
<b>Don't Forget...</b>	<b>PE – Joe Wicks will be delivering a PE lesson every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning via his YouTube Channel. These can be watched live or afterwards at <a href="#">The Body Coach TV – YouTube</a></b> <b>Draw with Rob – Rob Bidolph will be putting new videos on his YouTube Channel each week. <a href="#">Rob Bidolph - YouTube</a></b> <b>DT – The Institute of Imagination have created numerous projects that can all be completed at home. <a href="https://ioi.london/ferry-festival/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI1bG5qteE7gVUv2DmCh2-i0a_EAAYAAAEgK4ePD_BwE">https://ioi.london/ferry-festival/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI1bG5qteE7gVUv2DmCh2-i0a_EAAYAAAEgK4ePD_BwE</a></b> <b>Daily BBC lessons on CBBC</b> <b>BBC Bitesize – has a range of resources that are linked to the Oak Academy. <a href="#">Home - BBC Bitesize</a></b> <b>Purple Mash – Various cross curricular resources – your login is in your reading record <a href="#">Purple Mash by 25mple</a></b>



### Using Xbox or PlayStation to access Office 365

Accessing your remote learning. An alternative method of accessing remote learning during times of lockdown.

#### Xbox

1. Plug a keyboard in to the Xbox USB slot (less than £10 from Amazon)
2. Go in to my games and apps
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select
4. Type in [Office 365](#) and log in as you would in school
5. You can then access your work and use key packages including:
  - Word
  - Excel
  - PowerPoint
  - Teams
  - Your emails
6. To move around you use the Xbox controller or plug in a mouse

#### PlayStation

1. Identify the PlayStation internet browser icon (it is WWW with dots around it)
2. Press the PlayStation logo on the controller
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications
4. Go in to applications and you will find the internet browser
5. Type in [Office 365](#) and log in as you would in school
6. You can then access your work and use key packages including:
  - Word
  - Excel
  - PowerPoint

Staff are working very hard to support you with all of this and we do understand that home learning can be stressful at times. We want to assure you that, whilst it is important your children continue to receive ongoing education, it is also about finding the right balance and working in ways that best meet the needs of your family. Again, if you have any questions about remote home learning, or if you need any support, your child's teachers are always there to help. Please remember it's always ok to take a break.

Please also remind yourselves of the Online Safety rules and our Remote and Home learning policy that is still available on our website at [http://www.standrewsbolton.co.uk/serve\\_file/780817](http://www.standrewsbolton.co.uk/serve_file/780817)

### **Benefits –Related Free School Meals**

There continues to be a significant rise in applications to the government for benefits and this means that increasing numbers of children and families are eligible for Free School Meals. If you feel that you may be eligible for this, applications should be made following the

instructions in either of the links below. We are informed directly.

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/free-school-meals-clothing-allowance/free-school-meals-help-school-uniform>

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Successful applications for benefits means that you will become eligible for benefits-related vouchers which can be ordered if you inform us at our office email address.

### **Attendance**

Nationally, there have been significantly higher numbers of requests for places in schools for vulnerable children and those who have one or more parents classified as a key worker than there were last year. We would like to thank you for your understanding with this and request that, should you be able to keep children at home, please do so and then access the home learning that we are providing. We understand that some keyworker parents are working on a rota basis so only need certain days. Please let us know which days you need.

We have adjusted our staggered drop off and pick up times. For children with surnames A-M please drop off at 8:45am and pick up at 3:20pm. For children with surnames N-Z please drop off at 8:55am and pick up at 3:30pm.

From Monday, with improving safety in mind as well as further nurturing our children's independence, we are asking that children in Reception are dropped off at the top of the Reception pathway and parents exit via the infant playground gates. They will be met halfway up the path by their teachers. The routine for pick up at the end of the day remains the same – please continue to wear face masks.

### **Health, Behaviour and Well-being**

Another national lockdown once again brings with it so many implications and issues. Please do not feel that you are on your own. I would like to remind you of the really good advice and support that



is available for you from the Bolton NHS School Nursing Team if you have any concerns about emotional health, self-harm, bullying or minor accidents or illnesses. This service is called Chat Health and you can find the information below. The service provides support for children between the ages of 5 and 19 years. Please also remember that we still have the [pastoral@standrewoh.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@standrewoh.bolton.sch.uk) address if you have and emotional or mental health issues that you would like to share or need help with. Staff accessing these emails are Level 2 qualified as in Children and Adult Health First Aid.

As always, should your child be attending school and they, or anyone in the household, display any of the symptoms of Coronavirus please follow the protocol listed with this letter which includes getting a test and self- isolating for the required period.



### ChatHealth Messaging Service

**Text your school nurse**

During these unsettling times, as a parent of child aged between 5/19 years old you may be worried about your child's health and wellbeing and be unsure about how to get the help you need. Our school nurses are still here to help - you can text them for confidential advice and support on a wide range of issues. Parent/carers of child(ren) aged 5-19 can send a text to: 07507331751

We can help with all kinds of things like:

- Behaviour
- Continence
- Emotional health
- Self-harm
- Bullying
- Minor accidents and illnesses

Your ChatHealth messaging service is run by The Children's Integrated Health and Wellbeing Team, Bolton Foundation Trust and is available Monday to Friday 8am until 8pm. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact you GP, NHS 111 or dial 999 if it is an emergency.

### COVID SYMPTOMS AT HOME FLOW CHART

Please continue to take good care, stay safe and stay well. We are thinking of you all as families every single day and we are so disappointed that we have not been able to return to school together after the Christmas break. We are missing the children so it is great to see them when they join us for their Teams sessions. Please do not be surprised if the children's teacher contacts you if we don't see you online for a few days – we will endeavour to make sure everything is as well as it can be with you at home.

Let's continue to pray that we will be back together soon, whenever that might be.

Kind Regards  
 Simon Charnock  
 Headteacher

