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Dear Parent / Carer

In October, we finalised our school strategy for Remote Learning during the COVID19 pandemic and shared this with you. Following the government's decision to put us all into a National Lockdown again, please can I take this opportunity to remind you of the information regarding remote learning.

Our Remote Learning strategy is for all children in all year groups. Its purpose is to ensure that learning continues irrespective of lockdown or self-isolation. Remote Learning is for children learning outside of school due to the fact they cannot attend school during the COVID period. Our strategy is designed as such to ensure as far as possible, that children's learning outside of school mirrors that taking place in school for the small number of vulnerable and critical worker children who attend. It will combine a variety of approaches such as communication through an appropriate APP or website, online learning resources, paper packs (where required) and online support.

Remote Learning will be provided via the Homework Hub which is accessible via the school website. This section of the website is password protected and parents should use their ParentsApp login details to access the site. If you are having trouble with the homework hub and are getting message 'email or username not found', please go to the following link and create an account: <https://carrhead.homework-hub.co.uk>

Teaching and Learning posted on the Homework Hub reflects the school's curriculum in terms of key learning objectives for that year group. **Children should share their work with the class teacher through SEESAW and feedback from the teacher will be offered where appropriate.** Your class teacher will set up your access to SEESAW if you do not have this already. Again, if you encounter any difficulties with this APP, please e-mail your class teacher.

If your child is in Oak class, remote learning will be set and submitted through the Tapestry APP.

Our Remote Learning Plan is centred around the use of technology. We do acknowledge that this may be an issue for some families. Where this is the case, we asked in October that you contacted the office to let us know that you would not be able to access the learning provided remotely. If your circumstances have changed, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Where paper copies of isolation work are required, please also contact the office and these would need to be collected from the office.



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Our Remote Learning Plan is available on the school website under 'Policies'. Please ensure that you have read this so you know what is expected of your child and what you will receive from school.

We believe that it is in the best interests of our children that we continue to provide structured learning and support them to the best of our ability. Whilst we do recognise the difficulties that come with learning at home, it should be noted that the work provided during a period of closure, or if a child is self-isolating but is fit and well, is not to be considered optional. Previous school closures have left gaps in learning for some children and so it is important that we work together to try and ensure that children miss as little learning as possible during this time. At the same time, I would like to offer a little perspective in these strange and challenging times. You are, and always have been, your child's primary educator. Time spent with your child, whether that is completing the remote learning set by the teacher, or playing in the dirt, or baking, or watching TV, is all valuable learning time. We recognise how much pressure the expectation to engage with home learning can place on parents. Ideally, spend some time reading every day. If you can, do some writing each day. Can you find practical opportunities to apply maths? Aim to be active for short times every day. Do whatever you can within the limitations you have. Our remote learning plan is designed to be as manageable and flexible as possible for parents and carers. If you do what you can, then you are doing enough. You are loving your kids and supporting them through a difficult time. Also look after yourself.

There is a huge amount of advice on the internet about implementing home learning, almost too much! We have come up with a few key tips which will hopefully help at this challenging time:

1. Don't try to do too much. You might start with 30 minutes / an hour a day and then build up. We would advocate no more than three hours in any one day.
2. Try to keep a routine. This doesn't mean a 'school day timetable'. This is a routine that works for your family and with older children would be best agreed with them. It might involve setting times for 'work' during the day and times for 'recreation / relaxation'. If you want any help with how to set a routine, please contact your child's teacher.
3. Build in plenty of breaks and make sure your child drinks lots of water. The children are used to having short 'outdoor play breaks' and healthy snacks regularly when they work.
4. Learning doesn't have to be at a table. Depending on the task, there may be a much more suitable place for your child to do an activity.
5. Be kind to yourself. Lots of us are anxious and still trying to adjust again to this new way of living. Lots of us are also still working and trying to balance this support for learning. Don't feel guilty if you miss a day, or just decide to spend a day having fun as a family, just do what you can. This time as a family is valuable and will hopefully be one of the positive things that we are able to take away from this experience.



As a school, we will continue to do our very best in the circumstances and endeavour to continue to support our families. It is our aim to keep the communication lines between school and home open, so please keep an eye out for us calling. This is likely to be an unknown number. Please contact us by e-mail if you need to.

Thank you for your on-going support. Stay safe.

Kind regards,



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