

Dear Parent/ Carer

Thank you very much for your time this morning and attending the Zoom sessions. It was a very valuable session that helped us clarify our plans. I hope you found it useful and supportive too.

Following the meetings this morning and after hearing some of your questions, we just want to share with you some adaptations we have already put in place to ensure we are supporting you and your child as much as possible during this remote learning period.

- During the school day, 9:00am to 3:30pm, we will be opening the 'chat' function on Microsoft Teams. Therefore, the children will be able to communicate with each other, as well as ask their teachers for advice and support in their daily lessons. The children's teachers will be monitoring this chat at points throughout the day, please also be mindful that teachers may not be able to give instantaneous feedback. Please can you discuss with your child about appropriate messages that should be posted on there so that posts from the teachers can be evident to all children. The 'General' channel will be available for more of a child lead chat, whereas the teachers are wanting to keep the chat on the Home Learning Channels focused on the lessons and questions arising from these.
- We will trial a 'TMA Time' virtual session where the teacher will invite the children to a live catch up session later in the week. Some additional guidance will be shared containing information on expectations for live sessions. It will not be an expectation that your child has to be part of this but the opportunity is available. We will communicate with you about this later in the week.
- During the teachers filmed input, they will make it very clear as to what the expectation for the submission of work will be. For example; complete the set task on mymaths, create a document (paper or on the computer) that can be uploaded to Teams or brought in on return.
- Remote Learning for the day will be available at 9am each morning. The teachers have organised the children's 'Teams' to have channels for each day where the home learning and videos will be uploaded to.
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November is a school INSET day, therefore, no remote learning will be posted on this day.
- Further remote learning guidance with some more explanatory materials will be shared as the week commences.
- When your child returns to school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, they will not need to wear face masks or visors. The preventative measures that were in place before your child needed to self-isolate will be continued on return.
- Pastoral phone calls will be made this week by the teachers to check in with how the children are doing at home. Please be aware that these will only be a brief phone call and will last no longer than 10 minutes to ensure all children in the class are spoken to.
- The heads email address is [head@tma.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:head@tma.bucks.sch.uk)

Thank you for your ongoing support and please get in contact with us if you require any further support or have any other questions.

Many thanks,

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