

Dear Parent/ Carer

Once again, we would like to thank all members of our Two Mile Ash School community on supporting us with moving to remote learning. We are aware that during this week there have been some technical difficulties with Teams and that the live lessons haven't always gone to plan but thank you for the support we've had from many parents.

The children who are in school and accessing our critical worker provision have been working just as hard and have been enjoying some blended learning sessions where they have been able to interact with their class mates who are learning from home. Keep an eye on our Facebook page where we will be sharing some of the brilliant work all of our children have been producing; in school and at home!

As the end of our second week of learning in this new way draws near, I just want to share with you the home learning (homework) expectations during this time. We are aware that all children are working a lot on screens to complete work and we know that time away from screens is very important. Therefore, we will not be setting mymaths or Bug Club home work at this time. We would ask that you continue reading regularly with your child and continuing to support us with our reading pledge, where we pledge to read to your children for at least 10 minutes a day and would ask that you also read with your child for 10 minutes a day. In your child's Microsoft Teams, you will find pre-recorded reading extracts from some of our teaching staff, so please enjoy these with your children. We will continue to set weekly spellings on a Friday during our pre-recorded spelling sessions. If you could support your child with learning those over the week we would be very grateful. We appreciate that not all families are able to complete all the home learning set during a school week, therefore, if you feel that this is the right thing for your family, work can be caught up on in place of extra home learning being given.

If you do wish for your child to access additional home learning, please visit <https://www.tmaschool.com/home-learning/> where we have sign posted some additional resources for you. Furthermore, it has been advertised that the BBC are providing additional educational programmes for all year groups which are being aired daily on the CBBC channel. Also, please remember children can access their TT Rockstars account where they can be practicing their timetables at any point.

As we all continue becoming more confident with this new way of working, we are aware that many children who cannot access Microsoft Teams through a laptop or iPad are wanting to upload their work but are finding this difficult. If children are completing work on paper at home, a photo of this work can be taken and emailed to head@tma.bucks.sch.uk. Furthermore, any parent with an iPhone can also use the 'Notes' app that comes preinstalled on the phone as a scanner to capture the work. If you open a new note, press the camera button, the option to scan the document will pop up. Once the document is scanned, you can email it easier than a photo and you can also add notes to the scanned document. If you are emailing work to the above address, please can you ensure your child's name is clearly written in the subject or message, as well as which teacher needs to receive this work so we can ensure it gets to the right teacher. Then, teachers can give feedback on all pieces of work as we know how key feedback is to ongoing learning.

Finally, as a reminder, please can you ensure you and your children are upholding our remote learning code of conduct that was shared with you last week. It is essential that if children do have cameras on their devices, they are turned on during all live session to ensure safeguarding for all children and staff but to also support engagement and connection during the lesson. Furthermore,

children and adults must not be taking photos or videos of the screen during live sessions, this is a breach of the code of conduct and will be dealt with as such. We really appreciate your continued support with this.

We hope that you all have a lovely and restful weekend and look forward to seeing your children virtually or in person next week.

Kind regards,
Sophie Haycock
Deputy Head