

FARINGDON INFANT SCHOOL

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Our Vision for FIS –

Future of Faringdon; Including all; Supporting everyone to grow

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Remote Learning

I hope that you are all safe and well and beginning to digest the news of the further lockdown. I am writing to update you on Remote Learning for Faringdon Infant School.

Firstly, we thank you for your patience over the first few days of this lockdown. We have been utterly inundated with requests for school places and in order to open to all the children requiring provision, we have had to open seven Key Worker and Vulnerable bubbles already, with numbers still rising! The task of gathering the information, grouping the children (when numbers and days requested have changed by the hour), responding to enquiries, and allocating sufficient staffing to teach these groups has been enormous. Unlike the first school 'closure', this means that almost every member of staff is involved in teaching the children who are now in school!

As a result, some of our plans for launching remote learning which involves live teaching, have been stifled by the immediate demands of children in school. There have also been significant issues which Trust IT technicians have had to address. On our school website, every year group has work for children to use for home learning immediately and bug club is being used to allocate reading books for your child to continue their home reading. If multiple book colours are allocated for your child's class, and you are unsure where to begin, please check your child's reading colour with the class teacher.

Our platform for 'live' teaching is Microsoft Teams. Please check that you have the email address and password for your child's Faringdon Learning Trust email account as this is where they will receive invitations to 'live' lessons. A timetable for the structure of the teaching day will be sent to all classes (other than Sunflower) by the end of the week with a structure for daily lesson times and activities.

We are aware that some families will have more than one child accessing remote learning and may not always be able to adhere to the timetable. Therefore, some sessions of teacher input will be videoed rather than always live so that you can swap sessions around should you need to do so.

We are well aware of the challenges of supporting infant age children to access remote education and will offer what support we can. If you would like hard copies of any home learning resources from the school website, please let your child's teacher know via the class email address and we will ensure that these are prepared for you, and let you know when you can collect these.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Sally Robins and the FIS staff team

SAFEGUARDING: Faringdon Infant School is committed to protecting children and promoting their welfare.