



Wheatcroft Primary School



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Home Learning Information

Dear Parents & Carers,

Since the lock down announcement on Monday at 8pm, the staff at Wheatcroft have worked incredibly hard to adapt our curriculum and ensure the learning for all our pupils is as effective as it can be managed during this time of lock down. This letter will explain to you the expectations we have for home learning and what we can offer as a school to support you during this time.

Thank you for completing our critical worker survey so quickly to enable us to organise the grouping for these pupils at school. They are being supported by members of staff within their phase teams to carry out the same learning whilst in school as those learning at home. Please remember that it is important to continue the sequence of learning on days your child is at home to ensure they don't miss gaps within the teaching sequence; lessons are generally planned in sequence so if a child does not complete the previous day, they may not be ready for the next day's learning.

Due to the different expectations of each key stage, we have organised the information for you so that you can identify which home learning is appropriate for your child's age group. In the event of any teacher being unwell, another member of staff within the team will support the children's home learning during their absence.

Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception)

Every Monday at **9am** you will receive information regarding the topic your class are covering with links to how to support your child in the different areas of learning (e.g. Literacy, Maths, Knowledge & Understanding of the world, etc...). These activities will be a mixture of practical work, written work and creative work to reinforce the curriculum expectations for this age group. There will also be messages and stories uploaded throughout the week so do check Tapestry regularly for updates. As you upload your child's work and activities, the teachers will respond and communicate with you; if there are next steps or areas for your child to work on, the teacher will inform you of this through Tapestry.

Each morning your child will receive a pre-recorded morning message from a member of the Foundation team; this is to help you to get them up and ready to learn each day!

A member of staff from the Foundation team will be carrying out a daily live session at a time throughout the day. These sessions are to give the children and the staff the opportunity to have a communication with each other through a story or a class sharing time. Details of timings and how to access this will follow in due course.

If you have any questions regarding anything your child is completing or you are not sure about something, please let their class teacher know through Tapestry. They will respond to you via Tapestry or if required through a telephone call or email.



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Key Stage 1

We would like all children to take part in a live registration every day at **9:30am**. You will receive a link through Google Classroom to access this each day; this will give them the opportunity to 'come together' as a class with a teacher from their phase.

Work and activities will be set each day at **9am** for the classes through Google Classroom. The teachers have been working this week to create recordings of explanations for any tricky concepts that might be hard to teach the children at home. Links to these will be uploaded if the teacher feels it necessary; please use these to help explain concepts to your children particularly when working through Maths activities.

Your child can upload their work and comments to their classroom, a teacher will support the children throughout the school day hours (**9am-3:15pm**) by replying to any questions regarding the work and guiding them through anything they are finding tricky. Please ensure all comments and questions regarding the work are directed to the teacher through their Google Classroom page to ensure the teacher can address them quickly.

Key Stage 2

We would like all children to take part in a live registration every day. **LKS2 (Years 3&4) 9:15am. UKS2 (Years 5&6) 9:00am**. You will receive a link through Google Classroom to access this each day; this will give the children the opportunity to 'come together' as a class with a teacher to start their day.

Work and activities will be set each day at **9am** for the classes through Google Classroom. The teachers have been working this week to create recordings of explanations for any tricky concepts that might be hard to teach the children at home. Links to these will be uploaded if the teacher feels it necessary; please use these to help explain concepts to your children. There will also be pre-recorded stories for the children to listen to throughout the week. These are pre-recorded, rather than live, so children can listen at a time which is convenient for you as a family.

Your child can upload their work and comments to their classroom, a teacher will support the children throughout the school day hours (**9am-3:15pm**) by replying to any questions regarding the work and guiding them through anything they are finding tricky. Please ensure all comments and questions regarding the work are directed through their Google Classroom page to ensure a teacher can address them quickly. Please ensure your child attempts each task set, not just 'picking and choosing' what is needed; explanations on the post will make it clear what work is compulsory, what is optional and how to submit it.

There will be the opportunity for children in Key Stage 2 to attend 'check in' points throughout the day. This is an opportunity for them to link in live with a member of staff to go over any tricky concepts they may not have understood that day. Timings and information regarding this will be sent to your class Google page.

If your child's submitted work has comments or notes for editing or redrafting, please remind your child to go back and complete these to ensure they have fully understood what they have learnt in the session. Work from each day will be reviewed by the class teacher up until **4pm** each day. Please ensure everything has been uploaded by that time to ensure it can be checked. If this is not possible, work can be uploaded later and the teacher will respond during the next school day.



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General Information for the whole school

Many of our staff have been busy recording stories for you to share with your child; these will be uploaded for your child throughout the week and can be accessed at a time convenient to you as they are pre-recorded.

If appropriate, your child may be invited to an online group session to support with a learning need such as a reading intervention, speech and language or math booster. If your class teacher decides that your child requires this provision, they will contact you regarding how to log in to these sessions.

We have attached our acceptable use policy, as previously signed by you and your child, which now includes an addendum that we ask you to read through together as it sets clear expectations whilst children are on line at home.

We fully understand that much of what we are carrying out may be difficult to manage at home particularly if families are still working, or you have limited devices, so we appreciate that you will do the best that you can dependent on your situation. Miss Brown & Mrs O'Brien will continue their work as Mental Health leads and will be sending out information for parents and pupils during the time of lock down to support you where they can.

My thanks go out to our whole staff team who have worked tirelessly this week to develop our home learning provision. If you have any problems, concerns or would like to check something, please ensure these messages are sent directly to our teachers through the online platforms rather than the school email address (unless the concern is with accessing the learning platform); this will ensure that the teachers can address any issues immediately.

We hope that you all remain safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Miller

Headteacher