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Tuesday 12th January 2021

Remote Learning – Bretforton Village School from Tuesday 12th January

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will know, we have unfortunately been forced to close the school due to a confirmed case of COVID-19. As a result, all learning until Wednesday 20th January will be provided remotely. For the majority of you, this will mean that your child's learning is unchanged, as you were already prepared for home learning. However, the speed of the closure has, I know, meant that some parents do not have the resources available to them that they might need. This letter is to provide a way forward to ensure that learning is affected as little as possible. I apologise that it is rather long but hopefully the information in it will enable us to support your needs.

Resources online

If you are able to download and print resources, they are available [here](#). New resources will be added on Friday for w/c 18th January. If you did not collect your child's Home Learning workbook on Friday, it can be collected on Wednesday 13th January from 9.00am until 11.00am. Alternatively, download the work from the school website and do any work on paper for the time being.

Children who were due to attend on Monday 11th January

Your child's workbook and home learning are at school. If you are able to collect them, school will be open on Wednesday 13th January from 9.00am until 11.00am for you to collect them. If you are unable to collect them, please download them from the school website and put any work on paper – we can put these into your child's workbook when they return to school.

Zoom Meetings

We will continue to hold Zoom meetings as planned – you should have had invitations to this class by class. If you have not, please contact the school office.

Sharing your child's learning

It would be great to see what your child has been learning at home. On the one hand, they can do this by sharing it during a Zoom session but you can also send photos or scans through to the contact@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk email address. Teachers will respond to your child from there.

Difficulties with online learning

We know that some families may experience difficulties with online learning, either due to a lack of devices to use, or because of limited data allowances on their mobile device. There is some help available for this and we have outlined this below.

If you do not have enough data allowance to support online learning –

The DfE have initiated a scheme that temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users for children and young people who meet all 3 of the criteria below:





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- do not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

Children (or their parents) with access to a mobile phone on one of the following networks might be able to benefit:

- Three
- SMARTY
- Virgin Mobile
- EE
- Tesco Mobile
- Sky Mobile
- O2

Other providers may join the scheme at a later stage.

Increasing the 4G data will allow other devices to connect to the internet via a mobile phone so children and young people can access remote education if their face-to-face education is disrupted.

If you meet the criteria outlined above please email the school office office@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk with the subject 4G and provide the following information:

The name of the account holder
Your mobile network provider
Your mobile phone number

We will then request the data increase on your behalf through the DfE portal. Please be aware that different providers take different amounts of time to process requests. Once a provider has processed the data increase they will send a text message to the account holder.

If you do not have enough devices at home to support online learning –

As you may have seen, we have set up a survey to understand better the needs of parents during online learning. If you have not completed this yet, the survey can be accessed [here](#). We will use this information to work on a solution for those working from home.

We appreciate your support and cooperation during this very challenging time. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards

Yours sincerely

Mr K Riley

Head of School

