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5th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

At this difficult time, I would first like to take the time to thank you for your understanding of our need to close school today to prepare as quickly as possible for the home learning requirement we all found ourselves faced with at 8pm last night.

Further to information previously provided, and the Zoom call this afternoon, we wanted to give additional information regarding the situation for schooling from Wednesday 6th January onwards.

School will be closed to all except those critical workers who are contacted later this evening to agree that a place is available for their child at Gagle Brook on the days requested. Those attending school need to wear school uniform, bring packed lunches and water bottle at 8.30am (in line with normal school hours).

Children in school and those at home will all have access to the same online learning from teachers which is to be accessed via Purple Mash (see blog access / explanation at the end of this letter) and Microsoft Teams. If you are having any issues with connectivity, logins or access to devices please do let us know via admin@gaglebrook.org.uk. Registration will begin at 8.45am each morning with teacher input and lessons thereafter. Please see the timetable on your child's class Blog. Initially our Early Years (reception and nursery) will receive a combined input from Mrs Buckley and tasks to complete independently set by her.

The duration of lessons will vary depending on year group and content being taught but teachers will be expecting children to participate in discussion, share their work and get feedback as they would do in any lesson. We continue to encourage parents to share learning via Tapestry in our Early Years and in KS1 teachers will ask for children to upload work at times and will explain how that is done (via purple mash). Lessons will be recorded so children can watch back at a later time if needed.

If you are entitled to Free School Meals we will be in touch regarding food hampers which will be provided and will contact you to arrange collection at the appropriate time.

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Whilst we have done our best to prepare for this situation, we thank you for your patience as well transition to an online teaching platform and ask that we support everyone in our community as best we can. Thank you for your continued efforts to keep everyone safe and help us ensure a smooth education for your child.

Mr Price

Accessing online learning:

As we have set out previously, we have taken many steps to be prepared for such an instance and to ensure the children's education is not disrupted including seeking your approval for filming of online lessons and exploring access to digital devices at home.

Set out below are the steps to ensure your child continues to receive excellent education whilst they are at home.

Purple Mash

You should have your child's Purple Mash login from a letter sent home in December. Please contact admin@gaglebrook.org.uk if you do not. We will use Purple Mash to share the timetable for the day, work to complete, additional tasks and it is also where children can upload their own work for review by the teacher. With the blog is the Microsoft Teams link for their live learning too. This will be shared on the class blog which has been set up on Purple Mash.

Microsoft Teams

You should have your child's Microsoft Teams login from a letter sent home in December. Please contact admin@gaglebrook.org.uk if you do not.

This is the same system we used for parent meetings in November and will be used for teachers to live teach online and for children to be able to ask questions and replicate the classroom environment as much as possible.

The link for each lesson each day will be in the Purple Mash blog to click on and a register will be taken to monitor attendance. For our youngest children, it would be advantageous for a parent to be present to understand the input from the teacher but we would expect our older children to be able to interact independently with their Class Teacher once the lesson has begun.

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Wednesday 6th January

Mr Milward Today at 12:29

Timetable:
8.45 - register, greet and morning task
9.00 - English writing input and activity
9.45 - 1st break
10.00 - Maths input and activities
10.45 - 2nd break
11.00 - Phonics input
11.45 - 3rd break
12.00 - English reading input
12.15 - lunch
13.15 - Register and science input
14.30 - Mindfulness activities/physical activities/creative time/reading time

Resources:
Writing book, maths book, whiteboard, 6 small objects (eg. buttons, Lego blocks etc.), a plastic bottle preferably 1 litre, plain paper.
English Writing Activity: 06.01.21.pdf

Teams Link:
https://teams.microsoft.com/_/#/pre-join-calling/19:meeting_NGEzMTZkNjAtMjQ0My00NTBILWJhNzAtYjQwMm1lOWM2NTIw@thread.v2

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Timetable for the day ahead –
online each evening before

Link to Microsoft Teams Live
lesson – click to login to see
teacher