



# VERNON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know from my previous letter, it is a statutory requirement that schools offer remote learning for children in the event of a bubble closing or local/full lockdown. We will be using 'Google Classroom' as our learning platform in order to provide high quality education for all.

Although this is not statutory until 22nd October, in order to ensure we are prepared for this eventuality, our classes who are currently self-isolating are planning to trial Google Classroom for daily sessions and activities next week. These sessions will be a mixture of recorded and live lessons. There will be a Maths or English focus, although other lessons may also be provided. High quality teaching will be provided to ensure that new learning continues and that children continue to make progress. Resources and work to accompany lessons and any learning activities will also be uploaded onto Google Classroom. We will also continue to use our school website for additional communication.

In using Google Classroom, we have adopted the following guidelines to ensure that these sessions run as smoothly as possible:

- School rules apply to all school-related activities, including those that take place online.
- A parent/carer must be on hand during the sessions (you do not need to be present for the actual session, but it would be appreciated if you are within earshot so that you can help with any technical difficulties or other queries that may arise).
- Children should access the sessions in a communal living area (not in bedrooms).
- Children should be appropriately dressed for the session - uniform is not necessary but children should be fully dressed in an appropriate outfit.
- Children will be asked to mute their microphones unless instructed otherwise. This will ensure that every participant can hear the teacher.
- Children should not under any circumstances capture or use video or imaging of Vernon staff.
- Staff will record sessions for safeguarding purposes, which will be stored in line with GDPR guidelines.
- If a member of staff has any safeguarding concerns, they will report these to the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy Designated Lead.
- If you have any safeguarding concerns regarding an incident during a session, you should discuss these with the member of staff. If it not appropriate to do so, please contact myself, Mrs Walmsley or Mrs Kiely.
- At the end of any live session, children must end their session when instructed and the teacher will only exit when all children have left the session.
- Staff will invite questions if and when appropriate so that no interruptions occur during any live session.



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I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware that remote learning is being put in place not only for the children, but also to enable parents to manage home learning more easily and with less pressure. Thank you for the work that has already been submitted by any children who are self-isolating. I know that the teachers have really enjoyed interacting with their classes in this way.

As I said during lockdown, please do not feel under any pressure to complete everything that is offered through remote learning. We are just keen to use this brand new learning platform in as many different innovative ways as possible...although I am hoping we do not get the opportunity to use it too much and that we are all in school as much as possible!

I hope that the use of Google Classroom enables your child to thrive at home and that they enjoy the interactive content with their teacher.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Carvell  
Headteacher



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