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Important Information regarding expectations for Lockdown Learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

We thought that it was important to write to all children, parents and carers to thank you in advance for the work you will do during this second period of lockdown, which is likely to be with us until the 12th February 2020. In many ways, this second lockdown will have to be different because the law has changed and we have learned so much from the first lockdown and from bubble closures.

The first lockdown taught us so much about kindness, openness, communication, creative approaches, mutual support and empathy: for each other, as teachers, children, families and support staff. We faced lockdown together. This will not change. **At any time, for whatever practical reason or as a result of any personal difficulty, if you cannot complete the work with your child, you must not worry, but you must let us know at your earliest convenience:** you can write to together@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk and mark it for the attention of the class teacher or member of SLT or send a message to your class teacher, via Class Dojo messages in the private message. We are here for each other and we will all do as much as we can to support you. If you don't hear back, please let us know after 48 hours, by writing to admin@bucktonvale.tameside.sch.uk and mark it for the attention of both Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Quinn.

Staffing team expectations for teaching children in school and at home.

The short notice of the school closure has been a challenge for all schools. The staffing team at Buckton Vale have been working tirelessly to prepare the learning for both the children in school and those at home. Home learning will mirror that in school as much as it can. Please be aware that teachers are teaching the children of key worker and vulnerable families as well as being required to ensure remote learning is on offer. Teachers will endeavor to support all children but we are requesting your support and patience. Learning will be online before each session is due to start but it might be just before. In the morning, the teachers will upload a short video clip to explain what lessons children should expect for the day ahead. Sometimes learning will be uploaded in the morning once children attending school have been settled in. Teachers on occasion may upload work during the 'quiet hours' on Class Dojo. This is not an expectation. At times the learning task for the afternoon maybe uploaded during lunchtime ready for the afternoon learning.

Reception learning

In Early Years, tasks will be set on Tapestry on a daily basis. This will cover all areas of the curriculum and be a mix of videos and practical tasks.

Key Stage 1 learning

In Key Stage 1, teaching staff will upload a video to introduce the daily tasks each morning. The daily tasks will include a Maths lesson, a Read Write Inc. phonics lesson and a lesson from either science or a foundation subject. Please note, some year 2 children will access Read, Write In. spelling not phonics. Furthermore, there will be three

English lessons set per week and one additional short activity a day, e.g. Handwriting, TTRockstars, Numbots, Spelling Shed.

Key Stage 2 learning

In Key Stage 2, teaching staff will again upload a video to introduce the daily tasks each morning. The daily tasks will include a Maths lesson, an English lesson, a Read Write Inc. spelling or grammar lesson and a lesson from either science or a foundation subject. Additionally, there will be one short activity a day, eg Handwriting, TTRockstars, Numbots, Spelling Shed.

Our Remote learning

Across the school, there will be at least three video inputs from staff members per week to aid your child's learning experience. These might be from other staff members not just the class teacher. They are pre-recorded so that as many of you as possible can access them at a time to suit your family circumstances. We are aware of the challenges you face with technology devices at home and understand that older siblings and even adults working might need to share the computer or devices you have. For this reason, packs of work have been prepared by the staffing team so that some of your child's learning can be done without requiring the computer all day. This will also allow for breaks away from the screen.

These will be ready for collection from Monday 11th January, for all year groups at the times below:

Y6 Mrs Quinn/Mrs Green	9am-9:30am
Y5/6 Mr Payne	9:30-10:00am
Y5 Miss Ingram	10:00am-10:30am
Y4 Mrs Blake	10:30am-11:00am
Y3/4 Mrs McQuillan/Mrs Crowther	11:00am-11:30am
Y3 Miss Whittaker	11:30am-12:00pm
Y2 Miss Woodhouse	12:00pm-12:30pm
Y1/2 Mr Booth	12:30pm-1:00pm
Y1 Mrs Lister/Mrs Oldham	1:00pm-1:30pm
Reception	1:30pm-2:00pm

Please contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo to let them know if you intend to collect the paper packs so that they are ready at the office. It is advisable that everyone comes to collect the initial pack as this will include Read, Write Inc and White Rose booklets. If the times above do not suit your current circumstances please let the teachers know via Class Dojo. It will be very important that you do not wait around the school premises and keep a suitable distance from any other parents. If you have more than 1 child in school, you may collect the packs at one of the time slots; to assist with this, please inform all of the class teachers what time you will be collecting, so the packs will be ready for you.

Thank you all so much for your supportive emails of thanks. They really are appreciated.

Look after yourselves and each other.

Mrs Brown



Headteacher

Mrs Quinn



Deputy Headteacher