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Dear Parent/Carer

Y7 Remote Learning

Further to my letter sent earlier this week, I am writing to share with you our continued plans for remote learning. In accordance with the DfE guidance on the requirements for remote learning during this lockdown, teaching staff will be providing five hours of learning each day in line with our usual school curriculum.

Teachers will use videos to support pupils' understanding and to break down tasks into smaller steps. There will also be independent tasks which pupils should complete as part of the lesson time. The work for your child will be uploaded to the relevant Google Classroom at 9am each day.

The timetable of when each lesson will be set is below along with a suggestion of when to do them. You are free to follow this timetable as set but we appreciate that not all pupils will be able to access lessons on these days and times and are free to access them when it best suits them and your family circumstances.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson 1 09:10-10:10	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	RE
Lesson 2 10:10-11:10	Science	PSHCE	Science	Computing	Science
Break					
Lesson 3 11:25-12:25	English	English	English	English	English
Lunch					
Lesson 4 13:20-14:20	Creativity	French	French	Creativity	History
Lesson 5 14:20-15:20	Creativity	Geography	PE	Creativity	PE



Staff will continue to provide feedback to pupils when they complete work but will also use quick quizzes which will provide instant feedback on what your child has understood and learnt during the lesson.

We will also be scheduling Google Meets for all pupils so they have the opportunity to talk to their teacher and fellow classmates about their learning. Further details of these will be sent next week.

Attached to this letter is details of a scheme where you can request a data increase on certain networks so that your child can access uninterrupted remote learning. Please read this through and then contact the school supplying the details requested if you would like to access this scheme and we can apply on your behalf.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support in these difficult times. Staff are working incredibly hard to maintain continuity in learning for all pupils whether at home or school and are doing everything possible to ensure all pupils are accessing learning and responding to questions as soon as possible. Please remember that our staff are also in school working with pupils so responses will rarely be instant. However, we know that homeschooling is never easy and we are always here to support you when you need it.

Yours sincerely

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Increasing data allowances on mobile devices to support disadvantaged children

This Government scheme temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks. This is so that children and young people can access remote education if their face-to-face education is disrupted.

Who can get help

Schools, trusts and local authorities can request mobile data increases for children and young people who:

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

Children 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

Other providers may join the scheme at a later stage.

When help is available

Schools, trusts and local authorities can request mobile data increases when schools report a closure or have pupils self-isolating.

We can also make requests for children who cannot attend school face-to-face because:

- they're clinically extremely vulnerable
- restrictions prevent them from going to school

The current lockdown would allow us to make this application on your behalf.



How to request a mobile data increase

For each request, we need to know:

- the name of the account holder
- the number of the mobile device
- the mobile network of that device (for example Three)

Schools, trusts and local authorities need to submit mobile information through the Government online service. Each provider will vary in how quickly they process requests.

If you would like us to apply for a data increase, to ensure your children can access remote learning more regularly, then please contact the school office providing the details requested.

Your details will only be uploaded to the Government portal and once completed the information will be deleted. For verification purposes the mobile phone numbers should be ones we hold on our system as either priority contact 1 or 2.

Once a network provider has processed a data increase, they will send a text message to the account holder. It is also possible to check the status of requests through the online service.

If increasing your data allowance is not going to help you support your child's remote learning it may be possible for us to obtain a 4G wireless router as The Department for Education (DfE) is providing 4G wireless routers for disadvantaged children to help them get online and access remote education.

However, these are subject to more strict criteria. These are provided to disadvantaged children:

- in years 3 to 11 who do not have internet access and whose face-to-face education is disrupted **(Some of you may meet this criteria but need to show why you can't use the data increase)**
- in any year group who have been advised to **shield** because they (or someone they live with) are clinically extremely vulnerable
- in any year group attending a hospital school

If you wish to request a Wireless Router, please email the School Office and someone will contact you to obtain the necessary information.

We will continue to do our best to support all our children's learning throughout these challenging times.