



Birches First School

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Update Remote Learning offer September 2021

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you to outline our updated offer for remote learning from September 2021. Where appropriate, we will support those children who need to self-isolate because they have tested positive to learn from 'home' **'if they are well enough to do so'** (Government Guidance).

The government have placed clear expectations upon schools regarding their home learning offer, which we are required to follow.

Remote learning will reflect the content, progression and coverage of our usual school curriculum wherever possible.

The guidance also sets out expectations for daily learning time.

In Key Stage One – 3 hours daily

In Key Stage Two – 4 hours daily

The timings above include engagement with any learning tasks, for example, reading, online tasks and games set, teaching videos and follow up work.

We do not expect children to be sitting and working formally for long periods or blocks of time such as this. As you'll appreciate, the school day is broken up into shorter sessions with breaks in between to play, be sociable, have assembly and eat and drink! Children will need breaks from their work, just as they would in school. In fact, their learning and outcomes are likely to be better with breaks to ensure their focus and concentration is refreshed!

Remote Learning for our youngest children presents a particular challenge. Much of their learning is play based and relies on adult direction and/or interaction. The guidance does not specify a time or amount for Early Years children but acknowledges that solely digital methods of learning are unlikely to be appropriate.

Please find below are updated Remote Learning offer September 2021:

Year 3 & 4

English: PDF of SMART Board presentation (including spelling and SPAG/handwriting)

Phonics: Assigned recorded phonics lesson

Reading: Oxford Reading Owl

Maths: Daily video and task

Broad and Balanced Curriculum: daily task – e.g Geography, History, Science, RE, PSHE, Computing (PDF of SMART Board presentation)

Weekly TTRockstars challenge / 'battle'

Tasks may be set on Purple Mash, Education City

Children have access to Numbots and TT Rockstars (Y2-4) and can access learning activities/games of own choosing on Education City, Purple Mash

Year 1 & 2

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Phonics: Assigned recorded phonics lesson

Reading: Oxford Reading Owl

Maths: Daily video and task

Broad and Balanced Curriculum: daily task – e.g Geography, History, Science, RE, PSHE, Computing (PDF of SMART Board presentation)

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Early Years

Nursery

Phonics: Daily Task

Maths: Daily Activity

Storytime /Singing time: Daily Activity sent

Reception

Phonics: Assigned recorded phonics lesson

Maths: Daily video and task

Storytime /Singing time: Daily Activity sent

Reading: Oxford Reading Owl

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

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