

MEADGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

The following information outlines the school's approach for the next two week's regarding home learning. From tomorrow morning work will be uploaded to your child's class page on the school website. The work set will include a daily English, mathematics and topic task. These tasks will differ according to the age of the child. Therefore if you have an older child your child will be set more focussed work that requires, for example, more writing.

We would like the children to submit their work via the class email addresses previously communicated with you. For example, the year 6 email address is year6@meadgate.essex.sch.uk. This can be a photo of the work or a scanned copy of the work. Your child's teacher will then be able to comment on the work submitted and provide feedback to your child.

Reception parents should continue to interact with the reception staff via Tapestry. Miss Laurence will reset passwords or activate accounts for any parents/carers that need this to be done.

If you need an exercise book for your children to complete their home learning we will be leaving exercise books outside the front door of the school from 9.30am tomorrow morning. If the weather is wet then the books will be in the front foyer of the school.

During the week your child will have access to their teacher via 3 weekly Zoom sessions this week and 4 weekly Zoom sessions next week. These sessions will provide you and your child to the opportunity to ask questions about the work that has been set as well as give your child the chance to interact with their peers throughout the school week. It will also allow the teachers to be able to explain the work, conduct welfare checks and read a story to the children and/or play games with them. You will be sent the codes and times for accessing these sessions in a further email. Please note that we have spread the Zoom sessions out throughout the week to support families with only one device and more than one child at home. We also require you to attend the session with your child.

For those of you that qualify for a means tested free school meal (FSM), you will shortly be sent a voucher that will cover the FSM entitlement for the next few weeks.

Please engage with the zoom sessions, the VLE and submit the work to your child's teacher. These will provide school staff with the opportunity to conduct welfare checks and to monitor



the wellbeing of the children. If you have any concerns about your child please contact their teacher via the class email address or Mrs Pointon, our Family Support Worker, and we will work with you to support their wellbeing. You may receive a phone call from a withheld number. This will be the school making contact with you to check in with you and your child.

Please bear with us over the next few days as we get used to setting remote education once again and become confident in using the Zoom technology.

Many thanks for your continued support and kind messages. It is certainly not easy for anyone presently.

Mr Joseph Figg

Executive Headteacher