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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Remote Learning provision at MJS

Over the summer and during September we have been busy building and enhancing our remote learning offering for our children.

In the event of needing to self-isolate or household-isolate, some children may have to be absent from school for up to 10 or 14 days respectively. If this is the case, these children can access our remote learning to make sure that they keep up to speed with the work that is being covered in school whilst they are away providing they are well enough to do so. Please note that we do not provide work for the period where a family are awaiting a COVID-19 test result, and Teachers will not monitor nor mark distance learning being completed by pupils awaiting test results for themselves or someone in their household.

Each week on our website [here](#) (Under the pupils tab) we will place a Y3,4,5,6 timetable which has lessons outlined from 9:00-3:30 with accompanying links for each lesson-this will be removed and replaced with the following week every Friday at 3:30. As a school the majority of our work will be using the national Oak Academy resources. It is compatible with all devices and the emailed hyperlinks for the work we provide do take you straight to where you need to go. Some lessons do not use Oak Academy. Any teacher input and resources that you need for these lessons will be found underneath the timetable on the web page. This timetable facility will be live from Friday 25th September 2020.

All work completed during the week is to be emailed to your class teacher through their PURPLE MASH address so that they can monitor how absent children are doing. At the end of literacy and science units assessment task(s) will be set on Purple Mash in place of a lesson for that day. You need to be logged into Purple Mash to email as it is an enclosed system.

Any children who are absent from school not due to COVID-19 are **not** expected to complete this distance learning, if they are absent this means they are unwell and will need time, space and sleep to recover. Teachers will not monitor nor mark distance learning being completed by non COVID-19 absentees.



Remote Learning:

Your lesson content for the week will be on our website [here](#)

1. The majority of lessons on the timetable are accessed using Oak Academy. Click on the hyperlink provided and start learning.
2. There will be 2 assemblies a week. One comes from Oak Academy and will be historically dated, the other will be the Monday assembly from Moulsham Juniors.
3. There is one PE lesson and one Yoga lesson a week. The intention is that children are taking part in physical activity and because of the nature of the sport/skill and resources this may not necessarily match the in-school topic. If, as a family, you wish to replace this video with a long walk/some sports in the garden etc that is fine.
4. If an art or DT lesson requires resources we will let you know, as far as possible we will keep resources to a minimum and will offer an alternative to the activity.
5. Oak Academy activities only ever require you to write on a notepad or on a piece of paper. Other activities and worksheets are usually provided where children can save their answers electronically, some children may choose to do their work on a Word document or within a Purple Mash email so it can be emailed in. It is also fine to record any of this work on paper or in a notebook. Please **do not** send work in via the admin@ email address.
6. At the end of the week (or the period of absence if returning to school before a Friday), email all work via Purple Mash to your child's teacher or bring in the completed notes you have taken. Our teachers will monitor their learning looking at the returned work.

The work that we are providing is likely to be new learning. This work will as far as possible match the objectives and skills children are currently being taught in school but may have a different context (e.g. different text, geographical area etc). Parents though are not expected to be teachers. Although we have provided a full-timetable for the day we understand that this may not be appropriate or achievable for all children and we remind you that your child's well-being is the central focus during these unprecedented times.

Reading appears regularly on each week's work. It is vitally important that children regularly read. Years 3-5 children can access Accelerated Reader quizzes at home using the following link: [Accelerated Reader](#). Reading for just 20 minutes a day has many benefits, including strengthening the brain and building vocabulary, and this is why we want you to read daily at home. If you are finding it difficult to get hold of books, the following websites have a range of books that you can access for free, online.

[Oxford Owl](#) [Book Trust](#) [Audible](#) [Storyonline](#)-www.storylineonline.net/library/

Further support from the school

Please note that the school office email address is always open during term time: admin@moulsham-jun.essex.sch.uk. However, if families have any questions about the distance learning whilst their child is isolating, or need support with it, each teacher has a Purple Mash email address. The children can ask questions or check their understanding using this email address through Purple Mash during the school hours, during term-time only. Please be aware that all of our teachers are working full time in school teaching the children. Therefore, responses to their email address will not be immediate and can take up to 48 hours. If a 'bubble' closes, the teacher will monitor this email address whilst they also isolate and we hope that this helps parents throughout.

Remember... Whilst we are encouraging the use of the Internet to enhance children's learning, we remind parents about the importance of online safety. If you have any concerns or need advice, please visit the NSPCC Online safety [here](#). If your child has difficulty accessing technology please contact the school office and we will provide alternative paper based work

Next week your child will bring home a page with all of their log-in details - please keep this in a safe accessible place at home.

Regards,

Mrs M Staley
Headteacher