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As part of our return to school in August, and in line with Education Scotland guidelines published last week, we have been developing a contingency plan to adopt should we have instances where pupils and/or staff need to be learning/working from home, either through self-isolation, moving to blended learning or school closure. Our main aim in all of this is to keep everyone safe and minimise the disruption to pupils' learning. However, as we manage this current and ever changing situation, we feel that sharing our plans will help families understand a little more about what to expect, should we find ourselves in any of the above mentioned situations.

Current guidance states that schools will remain open, however, if the Scottish Government should change this at any point, we will all hear about it at the same time, therefore our contingency plan must be ready, and include all eventualities.

There are many different **self-isolation** scenarios, but if pupils and or/staff need to work/learn from home, tasks will be set to complete. You have already indicated to us if you have access to wifi/electronic devices. If you do, then work will be set online for your child on Teams, and if not paper copies will be sent home. There will also be the option for children to take part in remote sessions with staff.

If schools should move to **blended learning** where children are in school for part of the week, and learning from home for the rest of the week, they will be set tasks to complete at home, based on the direct teaching they have had on their days in school. This will be set online via Teams, or paper copies can be given.

If school should be **closed**, we will move to online learning, using Teams. Tasks will be set for children to complete and return, and there will also be the option for children to take part in remote sessions with staff. The chat facility within Teams will also be enabled during the school day, to enhance teacher/pupil contact and allow task related discussion.

If you indicated that you do not have wifi/electronic devices, then you will receive paper copies of work.

### Weekly work

- 3 language based activities/tasks (including Sumdog Spelling and Oxford Owls Reading)
- 3 maths based activities/tasks (including Sumdog Maths)
- Topic based activities/research
- Health and Wellbeing activities

The class teacher will also make contact with each child each week via Teams, by scheduling a 1:1 meeting and inviting your child to join for a voice call or face to face meeting. Where families do not have access to wifi/ devices then we will make a contact via a weekly phone call. Staff emails addresses will be given so we will be contactable on these.

Resource packs (including jotters/pencils etc) will be sent home, so that children have resources to use should they need them. Textbooks and reading books can also be sent home with children, which will allow them to complete work based on direction given by school staff.

We hope you find this information helpful, and if there are any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with us at school. Many thanks for your support at this time.

Best Wishes

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