

Remote Learning Pre-prep

A Guide

“Live” Teacher Time

Pupils will have the opportunity to join two weekly, whole-class 'live' sessions with their Form teacher via Google Meet, on Mondays and Wednesdays. We are hopeful that the children will benefit from, and enjoy, having some direct, real-time contact with their teachers. These sessions will, at least initially, be loosely structured, with a focus mostly on pastoral and social matters, to keep them connected to their teacher and peers within a learning context. Support on how to use the Google Meet platform has been emailed to you but Form teachers will guide pupils through the expected etiquette to help the sessions run as smoothly as possible. Meetings will take place at **9.00am** for Year 2, **9.20am** for Year 1, **9.40am** for Reception and **10.00am** for Nursery. If your child is unable to join a session, please don't worry, and try to reassure them that it's not a problem – their teacher will hope to see them at the next session.

Health & Attendance

The health and wellbeing of your child is of the utmost importance and we want to support your family in maintaining a healthy balance of work, exercise, rest and play whilst the School remains closed. If pupils become unwell, please drop your Form teacher an email, so we can keep track of 'attendance'.

Learning Provision

Nursery

You will receive a daily email from Mrs Ragless with details of a proposed activity for that particular day, which you and your child might like to do. Activities will vary, but shall be based on Nursery's usual plan for the week, including Maths, Literacy, phonics, crafts and Forest School. Videos of story time will also be posted periodically for the children to enjoy. You are encouraged to upload photos and video of your child's activities and achievements onto the Tapestry platform, where you and Mrs Ragless will be able to add comments and observations.

Reception

You will receive an email from Mrs Henry each Monday, giving an overview of engaging activities that your child might like to do during the week. These will follow the EYFS framework, to support your child's ongoing personal and academic education, and will be arranged into the following categories: Personal, Social & Emotional Development; Communication, Language & Literacy; Mathematics; Knowledge & Understanding of the World; Expressive Arts & Design; Physical Development. Daily emails will also be sent as a reminder, and to check in with you to see how your child is progressing or if you need further support. You are encouraged to upload photos and video of your child's activities and achievements onto the Tapestry platform, where you and Mrs Henry will be able to add comments and observations.

Years 1 & 2

Children will be set work in the usual subjects to maintain their education and interest in a full range of areas, guided by their teachers' professional judgement and extensive curricular knowledge. Each day, tasks for Maths and English will be emailed to parents before 8.30am, with clear instructions about what is expected of their child. Tasks for other subjects (eg ICT, Science, Topic, Art etc) will be set in a weekly email, to allow your child as much flexibility as possible in completing them. Being very familiar with each of their pupil's abilities, teachers will set tasks at an appropriate level of challenge; some will give the children the chance to work independently, whilst others may require more parental support, in which case more detailed guidance will be provided. Teachers will endeavour to set a variety of types of task to sustain your child's interest and effort. As well as written work, this may, for example, include a practical outdoor Science investigation, or inviting them to film themselves reading something or explaining how they worked out a Maths problem.

Teachers will be making a big push on fostering the children's independence and initiative throughout the remote learning period, and they will be especially pleased to hear about examples of these attributes being demonstrated by your child/ren. Teachers will remind pupils that they mustn't feel under pressure to complete every single task if they have struggled, run out of time or encountered other obstacles; we only expect them to try their best, and they must not worry if they can't complete everything.

You are warmly encouraged to send the Form teacher photos, videos etc of your child's work/activities if possible. Teachers will be available on email throughout the day to support parents and pupils, and will do their best to respond as soon as they can.

Learning Development

Learning Development will be working differently in supporting pupils in accessing their work, and developing the different skills that remote working requires. No 1:1 lessons will take place but, if you feel your child needs any support, please email Caroline Instone who is coordinating Nursery to Year 6 at cinstone@dokschoo.org. In certain year groups in Pre-prep, there will be some targeted group support to help develop more general skills such as spelling, comprehension, and handwriting. There will be no charge for this support during the period of remote learning.

Assemblies

We will continue to host Star of the Week Assembly as a podcast, which will be emailed out to you on a Friday afternoon. This will be a platform for announcements to be made, birthdays to be celebrated and examples of great work and hard effort to be acknowledged.