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Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is safe and keeping well. The news regarding Covid-19 is becoming a little more optimistic with numbers dropping but I'm sure like me, you are holding your breath and hoping that a 'second wave' can be avoided.

The advice coming through to school from central government and the local authority is changing, so here is another quick update to let you know what's happening in school and how we are functioning.

Current demand is allowing us to operate successfully and able to maintain social distance and make suitable hygiene precautions. The three classrooms set up for learning is working effectively and children attending school have been allocated and are sticking to their 'bubbles'.

As you will know the intention for 1st July start back for Y2 -Y5 has been dropped. We will continue to teach the YR/1 and Y6 children already in school and only be accepting children of key workers and 'vulnerable' children, from that date. If you feel this applies to your child, you must have a conversation with me first as at this time, with the current restrictions and precautions, it is extremely difficult to allow many more children into school. We are operating a system whereby parents must notify us one whole week in advance to allow us to make plans and prepare resources.

Many of you have given us feedback on the home-learning activities we have been setting and signposting for you to use. Thank you for encouraging the children to use them. With children having spent a long time off school, some unable to fully access online activities and to try to ensure that all children are 'ready for the next academic year' and all beginning from the same starting points, we have purchased some books for each child in Year 3, 4 and 5. These are CGP books – a tried and tested resource we've used for many years for our Year 6 SAT practice. For each child there are five books: a maths study book; a maths question book; a grammar question book; a punctuation question book and reading question book. What we would like you to do is allow the children to complete them over the next three months, doing just a little bit each day. I calculate that with ten weeks before the start of the autumn term, (assuming things are returning to normality then) the children could cover something like one reading activity, two each of the grammar and punctuation activities and three maths activities per week. How you manage it is up to you, children attending school will be using the books with them too. The maths study book and question books are intended to be used together and there is no recommendation to work through the books in order, select topics not covered recently, and mix and match with topics your child feels confident with. Some of the books have answers printed in the back for you to check. Teachers will probably let you know which topics they are tackling each week. There is no expectation for children to continue with White Rose Maths lessons as well, after next week these will no longer be emailed out unless requested.

The CGP books are 'schoolbooks' so we hope that you will expect and encourage your child to use neat handwriting when completing the tasks and use either a blue pen or a pencil to write with. All being well the books can be returned when the children return in September.

For children in Y2 there is four books from CGP – a maths arithmetic 'SAT Buster', a maths reasoning 'SAT Buster', a grammar, punctuation and spelling 'SAT Buster' and a reading comprehension 'question book. The children may have already begun to use some of these books in class in the spring term. Again, the books are 'schoolbooks' so we hope that you will expect and encourage your child to use neat handwriting when completing the tasks and use a pencil to write with. The expectation is that the books are completed by September doing a little often. These too can be returned when the children return in September.

For Reception and Year 1 children to enable them to be ready for the next academic year we are printing out a pack of learning worksheets for phonics and handwriting. For maths there is a CGP workbook similar to those being using in Y2 -Y5. If you need any further materials let Mrs Rook know.

The packs of CGP books for Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 plus the learning packs for YR/Y1 are in school and ready for collection. They need to be collected before the middle of next week, but please contact us by email or telephone to arrange a collection time.

We will continue to assist with other home learning – weekly spelling through Ed Shed; activities on Purple Mash and additional suggestions through the website. Do what you can with the aim of getting your child ready to start the next academic year. If you do need any help and advice with this new home learning, then please ask. We are here to do the best for your child.

If you have any further questions, please ask.

Stay safe

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Brough