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Dear Parents / Carers,

## **RE: Teaching and Learning Update**

Please find within this letter numerous updates regarding the various aspects of school life as we embark on a new term. All the staff have been incredibly proud of how the children have returned to school and the classes are once again filled with the smiling, enthusiastic, and determined pupils that we have missed over the past 5 months. We'd like to thank you for your support and patience in helping us make this happen. A few things are a little different so please find within this letter the detail of these changes.

## **Home Learning in the event of pupil isolation / year group bubble closures / whole school closures**

We have prepared for the three different eventualities. The details are as follows:

### Pupil Isolation-

If your child has to isolate because of suspected COVID, or due to a family member testing positive with COVID, home learning will be provided on the school website under the 'home learning' tab. This link will take you to a folder where you will find each year group's weekly plan, adapted and simplified to support parents and pupils at home. It will mirror the learning taking place at school, and pupils will be prioritised for catch-up intervention on their return to school in order to assess and check understanding. If you find yourself in this situation, we kindly ask that you be mindful that the class teacher will still have the responsibility of their class, and therefore will be restricted with the amount of support they can offer. If your child is isolated for a prolonged period of time however, the class teacher or teaching assistant will endeavour to make contact to check in and offer support where they can. Equally, I am happy to be contacted myself regarding any curriculum and learning matters and will attach my email address at the bottom of this letter.

### Year Group Bubble Closure

In the event of a year group having to be closed (each year group is treated as one bubble), daily home learning tasks will be provided in the same format as they did before throughout school closures. In addition to this, online Zoom lessons will be set up with further guidelines and times being given at the time.

### Whole School Closure

If we have to close the whole school again, as before, daily home learning tasks will be sent out to parents the evening before. As above, there will be online Zoom sessions set up so that pupils and teachers can interact at points throughout the week.



### **Reading Books-**

Reading is a huge aspect of school life at Scarning Primary School, but due to restrictions, the way we lend out books is having to work slightly differently. This is to minimise any risk on contamination coming into schools via books.

### **Book Band Readers-**

For those pupils on a book band scheme, one book will be sent home each week, which will then be quarantined and cleaned on its return. Pupils will be given access to books in class, which again will be quarantined and cleaned between use.

### **Library Books**

For readers not on books bands who access our main school library, two reading books will be given to each child. One is for home use, and is not to come back to school until a child has finished reading it, whereby it can then be returned, cleaned and quarantined. Another book will be given to your child for their reading sessions in school.

### **Homework**

While we have been thrilled with the resilience our pupils have shown on their return to school, we have decided to keep homework simplified for this half term. This, for most year groups, will consist simply of reading, spelling practice, and learning of times tables. For our older pupils in Year 5 and 6, some tasks will be set and their class teachers will be in touch with the details.

### **Half Termly Knowledge Introductions**

We have made the decision to move away from the weekly class reflections this year, and have opted for a new Knowledge Introduction sheet, that will be useful to both parents and pupils. This key knowledge sheet will summarise the key learning points for the half term, and will include the key vocabulary, concepts and ideas that we want pupils to know about and develop an understanding of. This will be followed up by a half-termly review letter written by the year group's teachers. Usually, these will be sent out at the start of the term however you will receive this half-term's next week.

### **Curriculum Website**

In the background over the past year, we have been reviewing various aspects of our curriculum with some subjects benefiting from a bit of a refresh. This includes history, geography, French and religious education, as well as the e-safety strands of our curriculum helping us to ensure we keep up-to-date with an ever changing world. While still in development, this should prove to be a useful source of information should you want it.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and to absorb the vast amount of information within it, and thank you again for your on-going support. It truly is great to hear the sound of pupils learning and laughing again. Should you need it for any of the above matters, my email is [showell5erm@nsix.org.uk](mailto:showell5erm@nsix.org.uk)

Kind regards,

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