

Digital Devices

We have been lucky enough to be allocated 18 Chromebooks from the DFE to support our families with home learning. Many of you have already been in touch to say that you would appreciate additional devices so we have made the decision to also loan our school based Chromebooks to families in need. In order to use a Chromebook, you need access to the internet as they are a web based device.

Parents will need to sign an agreement before taking a device as the Chromebook will then become your responsibility.

If you would like to explore the possibility of loaning a Chromebook for the duration of the school closure, please email the school or myself if you haven't already done so.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to Everyone First of all, please can I thank you all, once again, for your patience, understanding and support with this second school closure. For those of you supporting your children at home with home learning, you are all doing a fantastic job and I hope you are finding the work that is being provided through our Virtual School, helpful and easy to navigate. To all of our key workers, thank you for continuing to provide the essential service you are undertaking and I hope your children are enjoying their time in school.

Finally, to all of our staff, working both in school and at home, thank you for your dedication and commitment to ensuring that our children are provided with the best home learning opportunities that we can give them.

Home Learning As I am sure you are all aware, all of our home learning is accessed through our website on the Virtual School. We are providing daily sessions which include a combination of practical activities, worksheet activities, teaching videos or interactive online activities. Although many schools are providing live streamed lessons, after careful consideration, we have made the decision not to offer these. A live streamed session requires children to be available at specific times throughout the day (which may not always be practical if you are trying to work from home) and they also tend to be a presentation by the teacher rather than an opportunity to be interactive (as this becomes too difficult with so many children online together). Ofsted have recognised that live lessons aren't always the best due to how difficult it can be to build in interaction and flexibility. Using recorded lessons produced externally, or by our own teachers, allows you the flexibility to work at your child's pace and at a time convenient to you.

Obviously, feedback to the children about their learning is even more important with remote learning so we have scheduled a 15 minute 1-1 session with your child every week. Most of you have experienced one of these sessions this week and they have been really successful but if you missed your child's session for any reason, please make sure you are available next week.

Year Group Zoom Meetings Although we are not planning to do any live streamed lessons, we have listened to your feedback from the last closure where you felt the children missed seeing their classmates. In order to overcome this and to help all of our children still feel connected and part of their class, we are planning to do regular year group Zoom sessions. These sessions are optional and will be very informal. In Key Stage 2, the sessions will be daily and teachers will be chatting through the timetable for the day (which may help you to get the children into a daily routine). **Years 5 and 6 will be at 9:00am** every day for around 20 minutes and **Years 3 and 4 will be at 9:30am** daily. In Key Stage 1 and Reception, we will be doing a weekly story time on a Friday afternoon. **Reception will be at 2:30pm** and **Years 1 and 2 will be at 3:00pm**.

If you don't receive an invitation via email for this session by Monday morning, please just contact the class teacher.

Free School Meal Vouchers The DFE have been looking at ways to set up provision for free school meal children again and have now decided to go back to the voucher scheme which was used in the summer through Edenred. Although at Landscore we have been using Norse to provide food parcels this week, we will get in touch next week to explain how to access the government vouchers if your child is not receiving a meal in school.

Thank you all once again for all your support and kind messages. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Debbie Main