



# Hollybrook Infant & Junior Schools

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are staying safe and well and we appreciate what a tricky time this is for everyone. Thank you for not sending your children in with such short notice and for taking up the mantle of home learning once again – you must be pros by now after the last lockdown! We really want to try and make the home learning as easy as possible for you to complete with your children which is why we have managed to switch to Google Classroom.

We appreciate that it is not school and therefore is very tricky for both yourselves and your children. We thank you so much for all of your efforts and your tremendous support during this highly unsettling and challenging time.

As you may be aware, current legislation is that all primary school children will receive a minimum of 3 hours daily of high quality remote learning. In order to fulfil this requirement, teachers will be uploading a timetable of learning each morning for your children. All children will be expected to engage with Google Classroom daily. Texts will be sent to parents of any children who do not engage regularly with the online learning.

Generally, teachers will be providing one hour of English, one hour of maths, one hour of a different subject and 40 minutes of reading daily. If any of the work takes your child longer than an hour, please try and encourage them to stop once they reach an hour.

Remember, it is not school and we really appreciate all of your effort. Take each day as it comes and if you have days where only a small amount gets done, please do not worry as it is such a tall ask to expect you to be able to work from home at the same time as supporting your children and helping them with their learning when they need a bit of support. Remember to try and encourage your child to complete their learning as independently as possible.

As a school we are currently looking into how we can develop our remote learning to include some live/pre-recorded lessons in the next few weeks, using our Google Classroom as the platform, as we think this will really help to keep the children engaged and give them a bit more motivation.

Your children's work will be monitored by a teacher from the year group and marking, feedback given, but please bear in mind, they will be doing this for a large number of pupils so feedback will not be immediate.

Google Classroom is a learning platform and should not be used as a social platform for your children – if they use it as such it hinders the teacher's ability to mark work as there is so much information on there for them to wade through.

If you feel that your child has struggled particularly on a concept, you or your child can message their teacher directly.



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Once again, thank you for your incredible support and all of your efforts - we appreciate all that you are doing.

Kindest regards

Marcella Dobson and the staff