



11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Updates on Remote Learning and Provision for Children in School

Dear parents/carers

We hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

Thank you so much for all of your support and for the kind messages that we received last week regarding our remote learning provision. We appreciate that this has been extremely challenging for everyone involved so we are extremely proud of our whole school community for the way everyone has pulled together to get children's remote learning up and running so quickly and so effectively. Thank you for your help in this process. The uptake for both our live learning sessions and where this is not possible for families, the uptake on collecting home learning packs has been fantastic. We are so pleased that children will be able to continue their learning journeys while our school is closed to most pupils.

### Update on our Remote Learning Provision

Following last week's live learning sessions, year group staff have reviewed their timetables and adjusted sessions/timings, where necessary, based on feedback from staff, parents/carers and pupils. Please ensure you have read the remote learning arrangements for your child's year group for week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January carefully, taking note of any changes. These were sent out to you on Friday (08.02.21)- <https://www.perryhall.co.uk/week-beginning-11-january-2021-remote-learning-arrangements/>. The following week's remote learning arrangements will be sent out to you each Friday.

### Phone Calls Home to Pupils/Families

- Children who are not attending school or engaging with live learning sessions and are completing home learning packs will receive a wellbeing phone call home twice each week. This will provide an opportunity for you to ask any questions about your child's home learning.
- If your child is classed as vulnerable, and you have chosen for them not to attend school, a well-being phone call conversation will take place three times each week.
- All other children not attending school will receive a well-being phone call once every two weeks.

During these phone calls we would really like to be able to speak to your child(ren) as well as a parent/carer. The purpose of these phone calls are to check in with all families to ensure



the wellbeing of the child and to provide an opportunity for parents/carers to discuss any questions you may have regarding your child's remote learning. For the younger children in school, it is also good for them to hear their teachers' voice regularly. Please note, these calls will be made with a 'No Caller ID'.

### **Devices/Internet**

You may have seen on social media that you can now access remote learning via an Xbox or a PlayStation. Please see below for instruction for how to do so:

#### **Xbox**

1. Plug a keyboard in to the Xbox USB slot
2. Go in to my games and apps
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select
4. Type in: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/loq-in> and log in using your details.
5. You can then access your child's TEAM's page.
6. To move around you use the Xbox control or plug in a mouse

#### **PlayStation**

1. Plug a keyboard in to the USB slot then find the PlayStation internet browser icon (it is WWW with dots around it).
2. Press the PlayStation logo on the controller
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications
4. Go in to applications and you will find the internet browser
5. Type in: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/loq-in> and log in using your details.
6. You can then access child's TEAM's page.

If your child is not partaking in remote learning sessions due to a lack of access to a device or access to the internet, please contact school- either by phone to the school office or by email using your child's year group email address- to ensure that we are aware of this situation so that if we become to be in a position where we can support you with this, we are prepared in terms of knowing who needs to be contacted.

### **Children in School**

For children who are attending school during lockdown, the following arrangements continue to apply:

- We currently have year group bubbles who are supervised by year group staff (on a rota) and access the same lessons and resources as the children who are learning at home. If there are any changes made to the arrangement of the bubbles within school we will inform you prior to making the changes.

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- Children attending school should wear their normal school uniform. The latest government guidance for schools continues to stipulate that they must continue to provide as much ventilation at all times, even throughout the Winter months. While the heating is on in school, having windows and doors open reduces the effect of the heating for the children and staff. In light of this, please could we request that you provide your child/children with additional warm clothing, e.g. a t shirt underneath their uniform, a fleece, etc.

### **Free School Meals**

If you have informed school/completed the online survey, hampers will continue to be ready for collection from school each week for children who are eligible for free school meals who are NOT in school. We will confirm collection via text each week.

Any free school meal children in school can continue to receive their 'meal bag' on the days that they are in school.

If you are in receipt of free school meals and moving forward wish to be added to the list of families receiving hampers, please contact the school office.

Thank you, as always, for your support and understanding during these testing times. Keep safe and please contact us if we can support you in any way.

Kind regards

Miss Kohli

