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Dear Parents and Carers,

Home Learning and Support Guide – March 2020

Learning

All children will take home a blank exercise book, pencil/pen pack and a selection of books to read tonight. If your child is in not in school, these will be delivered to you in the next couple of days.

All work will be sent via class Dojo, this will be set daily. Children and parents will be able to communicate with their Class Teachers about their work via Dojo using the 'Messages' section. Please use the 'Portfolio' section to upload the work if using a computer, or from a mobile device you can send work through messages. Please communicate with your teacher daily and send the work that your child has completed for the day, this will be checked by a class teacher. For your information, your dojo alerts will say 'Miss Town's' but your class teacher will have control of the Dojo page.

There will be a timetable sent out weekly with suggested routines and activities to do between 9.00 and 3.30pm.

We feel it is absolutely crucial that you keep to a routine as much as possible. Ensure your children get washed, dressed and have breakfast as normal, ensure they have some fresh air at lunchtime and playtime and remember they do need physical exercise throughout the week. The timetable provides a balance of activities for the different curriculum areas.

We would of course like you to use this time to teach your children some new skills that will support the whole family, for example; setting the dinner table, helping in the garden, supporting with the cooking of dinner and many more which I am sure you can think of! We would love to see pictures and videos of those too!

We have set up a YouTube channel which will aim to update it with features like; Tyzack's weekly story time, maths methods and questions of the week etc. Please search for **Wickham Brook** on YouTube!



You will be provided with your class teachers email address, please be aware that staff will be in school and teaching on a rota basis, so will **not** provide instant answers. If you urgently need to speak to a member staff please follow the procedures in the 'Contacting school' paragraph.

Equipment

There will be an opportunity to borrow a school iPad for those that do not have access to technology to receive homework at home. A lease agreement will need to be signed before any technology is taken home, this can be done in the school office.

We will aim to set up a safe system for changing books which does not impact on the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We will circulate more information on this when we have it.

Contacting School

We will continue to use Class Dojo and Parentmail as our main form of communication.

The school office will be open from 9.00 until 4.00, but please be aware it may not be staffed full time, so please leave a clear message on the answer phone if you require immediate support.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or other serious concerns please contact the school Designated Safeguarding Lead via the main school phone 01440 820309 or the school mobile - 07748 731848.

Keeping in touch

We plan to keep in touch with our school families and the community as much as possible during this period, so you will receive a phone call from your class teacher at least weekly and (as long as you are not self-isolating) a 'door step check in' with your child from a member of the staff team from time to time. If you feel you need a visit or call from a member of staff please contact the office and we will try where possible to arrange this.

We are and will always remain a family at Wickhambrook, our main aim is to ensure our children are safe and well educated. We as a school are committed to ensuring this happens to the best of our ability in these difficult times. We look forward to continued communication with you over the next few weeks.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind Regards



Miss R Towns

Headteacher