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Dear Parents,

Let me start by saying well done and thank you. Hearing on 30th December that our school was not opening was a shock to all. Since then guidance from the Government has been slow to come to us, yet statements have been made in the press of what we should and should not be doing. This is very different from the last lockdown for us as a school. However, we need to find a balance together, as many of you are working from home and trying to support more than one child with their learning. This is incredibly hard! So, I'm going to explain what we are offering as remote home learning, this may be changed and tweaked as we go through the weeks. We will try and support you the best we can. We do understand how challenging it is for everyone, but as a family we want to try and help you.

### **What does a day of remote learning during a National Lockdown look like at Lenham Primary School?**

#### How will my child be taught remotely?

We use a combination of the following approaches to teach pupils remotely:

- recorded teaching (e.g. White Rose maths, Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- worksheets uploaded to the Tapestry
- textbooks and reading books pupils have at home
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences

We will provide 2-3 hours of learning (some children may complete this learning quicker, some may be slower. Each lesson is 30 minutes if your child is struggling please stop the activity, do not continue past the 30 minutes. Teacher will provide different levels so that all children are challenged appropriately.

#### Rainbow Class suggested plan for the day- everything will be uploaded to Tapestry

Physical activity (30 mins)

English (30 mins)

Play and additional suggested activities (30 mins)

Phonics (30 mins)

Maths (30 mins)

Play and additional suggested activities (30 mins)

Story and Reading (30 mins)

We will also provide additional opportunities for those who would like more work through work through the online platforms:

+ Online Platforms

- Numberbots
- BBC bitesize
- Phonics Play

The running of the day is your choice. We also have Assembly Monday and Friday at 10am. And Zumba Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 10 am. All on Mrs McCluskey's YouTube channel.

The work can be completed at any point of the day. Once work is submitted teachers will mark the work and provide feedback as soon as they can, but it may not be straight away depending on volume of marking and whether the teacher is in school. Teachers are currently in school every other day supervising Critical worker children. However, if work is submitted after 4:30pm to it may not be marked until the next day, as teachers are preparing lessons for the next day.

What are your expectations for my child's engagement and the support that we as parents and carers should provide at home?

1. We are asking that you support your child in logging on to Tapestry every day.
2. We are asking that children complete work everyday and if children are struggling parents inform the class teacher. To inform the teacher you can send a private message in the classroom (older children will be able to do this themselves).
3. We expect parents to support their child in completing the work (in the best way they can, we appreciate how hard this will be for some).
4. To continue to read daily together.

Preparing, planning and assessing work

On the following afternoons the class teacher will taking their PPA time, so will not be online. However, we will have a different member of staff monitoring Tapestry, who will be able to support you.

Rainbow- Tuesday and Thursday afternoon

If you are having any problems please contact the school office and we will do our best to help you.

Mrs McCluskey