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Dear Parents,

Thank you all for your patience yesterday whilst we issued learning from home packs – you were all great! We were happy, during the first lockdown, to be able to provide the technology for our children and families to access our online learning platform. This time, following feedback from parents, we have provided our children in Reception with their own device.

This letter is to explain the practicalities of Learning from Home as we enter our second school closure.

Today's home learning has been posted on Showbie at 9.00am. This day's learning is our 'Day 1' of Lockdown Learning that we had already prepared in readiness for a short notice school closure, there will be no live learning this morning. This will allow teachers time to plan and prepare teaching resources for learning moving forward.

Our Nursery and Reception children will not be using Google meets and live learning. Their learning will be shared through Showbie.

This afternoon, your child will be invited to join Mrs Croskery on a live Google Meets session. Information regarding how to login to Google was in your child's pack and you will receive the link for the meeting in Showbie, in your child's Year Group – 'Google test' and a text reminder will be sent to parents. It is important everyone joins the test session this afternoon using your child's device so we are ready for live learning to begin tomorrow.

The timetable for the Google test this afternoon is as follows:

Year 1	1.00
Year 2	1.20
Year 3	1.40
Year 4	2.00
Year 5	2.20
Year 6	2.40

If you are struggling with getting on this afternoon Mrs Croskery will be able to speak to you if you call school on 01229 462846 – this is a direct line.

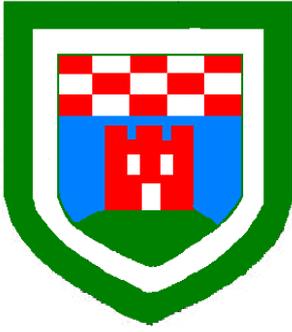
#### **How will live learning be different?**

- At 9.00am each day teachers will post a welcome message along with an outline of the day's learning.
- At 9.30am teachers and children will be live using the Google Meets link which will be posted in Showbie – this live session will be no longer than 15 minutes. This live session will explain the next hours learning and model any new concepts.
- At 11.00am teachers and children will again be live using the Google Meets link – this live session will be no longer than 15 minutes. This live session will explain the next hours learning and model any new concepts.
- At 1.00pm teachers will post instructions for the afternoon's learning
- All learning should be submitted by 3.00pm each day. This gives teachers a chance to mark and prepare for the following day's learning. Work can still be submitted after 3.00pm but may not be marked.



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### **Technical issues**

Parents who have any technical issues during school closure should post on the DSM Family Tech Clinic. The code for this is: JRHH5

If you have Google login issues please email: [h.croskery@dsmprimary.com](mailto:h.croskery@dsmprimary.com)

### **Parent Communication**

Parents can communicate with their class teacher in the Class Parent group in Showbie. If it is an issue that is more personal please email: [l.woodburn@dsmprimary.com](mailto:l.woodburn@dsmprimary.com) I will be happy to help and could arrange a telephone conversation to support where necessary. We are striving to keep good channels of communication with you all. If you have any problems at all please get in touch, I understand that this is a challenging time for everyone. Remember we are here to help as much as possible, please try to refrain from posting negative comments on any social media platforms, as it does not help us to resolve any issues.

### **Children's Communication**

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 have a Children's Group Chat in the group section of Showbie (this is a Group not a Class)

Children should **always remember** that any chat in this Group can be seen by teachers and as with any communication by text or online you should be **polite and kind**.

Notifications to this chat can be turned off by going into settings and selecting notification preferences.

**Children should not use this chat facility after 3.00pm.**

I hope that this information is helpful. We are aware that parents who work may struggle to access the live learning; however, children in Y3 – Y6 should be able to do this independently. On Friday of this week, we will be sending a Google questionnaire, by text, to evaluate how live learning is working for you and your children. We want to be sure we are getting this right and your feedback will be very important.

Thank you all once again for your support at this time. Take Care.

Yours sincerely

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