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Dear parents & carers,

Remote learning

During the national lockdown we are providing remote learning via Microsoft Teams. Teachers have planned a series of lessons and learning for their classes which are uploaded each morning. The day begins with a video message from the teachers explaining the teaching and activities. Children can reply with questions and can upload their completed work to their own folders. At the end of each day children can watch and listen to their teacher reading them a story. Class teachers are available online during the school day to support children with their learning. Children can type questions into the chat box and parents can email the teachers directly using the phase email addresses:

Phase	Email address
EYFS (Nursery and Reception)	eyfs@newparkacademy.co.uk
Year 1/2	ks1@newparkacademy.co.uk
Year 3/4	year3-4@newparkacademy.co.uk
Year 5/6	year5-6@newparkacademy.co.uk

We have purposefully chosen to use pre-recorded lessons rather than live teaching. This is so that children can access the learning at a time which is convenient for them and for you. We used this system for Y5/6 children when their bubble was shut last term and received positive feedback from children and parents.

On Wednesdays teachers will upload a video with whole class feedback, sharing some good examples of work which children have uploaded during the week and showing the class how to improve. Teachers will upload daily lessons as usual on Wednesdays but will use the day as their planning time and will only be available online between 11-12.

If you are having any technical difficulties using Microsoft Teams, including forgotten login details, please email admin@newparkacademy.co.uk.

Live assemblies

Our whole-school celebration assembly this morning was brilliant and it was lovely to see so many children attending. Mrs Adamson and I will be running a series of live assemblies for the children with each class having two assemblies each week ending with our whole-school celebration on Fridays. Children should follow the link on their Team page to access these and will be able to join in with their classmates at home and in school.

Internet access and laptops for loan

We still have some laptops available if you do not have enough devices for your children to use. If you do not have sufficient internet access at home, we can request a free 4G router for your home. Please complete this form to request a laptop and/or 4g router:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FILJc5e1GEqXuMLFPNpY80IqpTqwn9tGgSPG0cztUOdUQVFDNEJBU0Q3Q0IwRk84WUFKVKoxTkFHNI4u>

As a school we have a statutory obligation to provide a comprehensive home learning package that is closely matched to what the children would have been taught in school. I know that completing the remote learning at home will be challenging to manage. Please do what you can and keep in regular contact so that we can support you as much as possible. Staff are in school every day, please get in touch if you need any support.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Mold