

5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Online Remote Learning for Foundation Stage Pupils

With the announcement of the new lockdown and schools moving to remote learning for the majority of pupils, we would like to inform you of how this will look for our Foundation Stage pupils.

Young children continue to learn most effectively through play so the teachers will be using Tapestry to send activities for you to complete at home with your child. These will be accompanied by pre-recorded videos and links to specific pieces of learning for you to watch and respond to. Please upload observations, photos and videos of the learning your children complete at home to allow our staff to provide feedback.

In addition to this, we will be using Microsoft Office 365. This is an online learning environment which will allow the teachers to talk daily to the children on a live video call to share stories, find out how they are doing and to talk to them about their learning. You will be sent your child's login details for this via their Tapestry account.

We are aware we are setting work that uses links to other websites and advise that as parents it is vital you set appropriate parental controls for internet access and that you ensure your child is accessing the internet in a family room, where they can be monitored by an adult. A great resource to support you in this is:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

The use of Microsoft Office 365 and the delivery of pre-recorded lessons, along with online feedback and assessment is new to many of our teachers and will take time to establish and become streamlined. We understand this may be new to many of you as well and we will support everyone as much as we can.

If you have any concerns or issues please contact the school via admin@newtown.reading.sch.uk , and we will make every effort to respond to your query within one working day.

We are looking forward to seeing all the exciting learning that takes place.

Yours sincerely

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