



# Handforth Grange Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for all your support during our first few weeks of re-opening school. We have been so proud of how well all the children have settled back into school life.

Now that all children are back in school, it is extremely important to try to minimise their disruption to learning as much as we can during this unprecedented time. Therefore, in line with the new Government guidance, we will offer online remote learning should one of our bubbles have to close.

Our overriding aim is for children to be able to follow our curriculum sequencing seamlessly whether on, or off-site.

We have already sent home an 'Emergency Pack' of work for children that are forced to self-isolate due to a sibling receiving a positive test, or isolation due to travel or "Track & Trace".

However if a 'Bubble' closes, due to a positive test of a staff member or pupil(s) within the 'bubble' **we have chosen to use Microsoft Teams to deliver our remote learning programme.**

This is because:

- We have made a significant investment in technology to support teachers delivering lessons from home
- We have made a significant investment in training and release time for teachers to become familiar with the system
- We have had the opportunity to show all the children how to work with the system, prior to any 'Bubble' closure
- It is accessible on mobile phones or tablets as well as desktop computers, so it is more equitable for households
- We have now been able to distribute free computers to households that didn't have them
- It provides far higher degrees of Safeguarding than we had access to previously
- It gives access to live teaching, allowing for interaction, assessment and feedback from the teacher

**To access our home learning, you will need to download the Microsoft Teams App.**

\*If you have an Android or IOS smartphone/ tablet, download the free app to your device from the relevant app store – just search for Microsoft Teams

\*On a PC or Mac you can download the desktop app from the following URL  
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb-/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app>

\*If you cannot download the app you can also access Teams via the following link  
<https://teams.microsoft.com/>

If you have any queries or questions regarding installing Microsoft Teams please do not hesitate to contact us.

**We will be holding online meetings this week to introduce you to Microsoft Teams.** A link to your child's 'Team' and a time for the meeting will be sent to you via their class teacher on Class Dojo or via email soon. Please use this to log in and access the meeting which will explain how you and your child can access the online learning.

**If you have more than one child in the school then you will only need to join one of the meetings as every class will be using the system in the same way.**

The online-learning timetable and Online Teaching & Learning policy are available to view on the school website.

Thank you for your continued support.

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