



Dear parents / carers,

Thank you so much for bearing with us this past week. With the dramatic announcement Monday night the staff have been working incredibly hard to accommodate the large number of key worker pupils and make the switch to home learning. We really appreciate your patience at this time.

Live sessions started this week for all of our classes. It has been wonderful to see so many families have been successful in joining us for these. If you are still having difficulties or are not sure about how to join these sessions please contact us as soon as possible by contacting Mrs Massey in the office. Most of the sessions have gone extremely well considering we are all learning together. I am sure we shall all improve over the coming weeks and that the system will naturally evolve as we all become more confident.

**Can we please remind you:**

Unlike the previous lock down, your child's learning will not be available on the school website. Instead, it will be accessible through logging on to your child's **Office 365** account and selecting the **Microsoft Teams** icon on the left of the page.

If you require a paper version, this will be available to those who request it via the school office.

An exercise book was sent in the Autumn Term for the completion of work.

Each week, your child's class teacher will create an **overview of their learning** which will be available to view on Microsoft Teams. Your child will receive one Maths, one English and one additional subject of learning every day. Alongside daily reading, weekly spellings and ttockstars for the older children.

In addition to this, your child will also be able to join with their class teacher and peers, through a Microsoft Teams meeting for a **live lesson session** every day. It is important that every effort is made for your child to be online for this session. Sessions have been timetabled and staggered, so that households with siblings in different classes can access without sharing devices or times. We would like to politely remind you that these live lessons cannot be recorded and unfortunately, they will not be repeated.

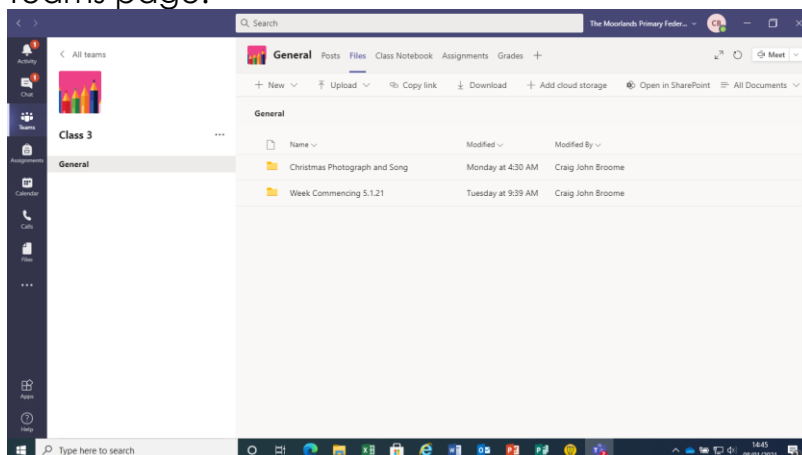
Class	Teams Session Time
Class 3	9:00-10:00
Class 2	10:00-11:00
Class 1: Reception	1:30-2:00
Class 1: Year 1	2.00-2:30 Year 1

### Each day we'd like your child to:

- Complete their Maths, English, Phonics (EYFS and KS1 children) and Topic lesson that have been provided for working at home. These lessons use the recommended government programmes with Oak National Academy, White Rose Maths, BBC Bitesize and school directed lessons and follow the learning structure that the children would receive in school. Work will be set on TEAMS.
- **English:** Units of work from Oak National Academy – teacher led video lessons or individual activities from class teachers. Work should be completed in the school work book unless told otherwise.
- **Maths:** Units of work from White Rose maths – video lessons and activities. Answer sheets will be provided for self-marking at home. Once again work should be completed in the school work book.
- **Phonics** (EYFS and KS1) following Read Write Inc activities will be delivered by the class teacher for Class 1.
- **Topic:** There will also be work set by class teachers in line with the school lessons for the topic. Where appropriate these may be from Oak National Academy or specific activities from school. Worksheets do not need to be printed but can be stuck into the children's work book if they are.

### How to access my child's work:

Once logged into Teams, your child will be able to access all their home learning for that day by clicking on **the files icon** at the top of their classes Teams page.



There will be folders for each week that contain an overview sheet (called Home Learning Overview). It is here that the teachers are adding links and simple instructions about the work set. Further folders contain worksheets and answers to support you and your child.

### **How to return work.**

Once your child has completed the work we would like you to take a photograph of it and email it to the individual class emails. It would be helpful if the day's work is all contained within one email.

[Dilhorneclass1@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:Dilhorneclass1@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk)

[Dilhorneclass2@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:Dilhorneclass2@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk)

[Dilhorneclass3@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:Dilhorneclass3@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk)

Please only use these emails for pupils' work and messages relating to home learning. If you need to inform us about appointments or other concerns please contact the office in the usual manner.

- We ask that these are sent in by 3pm, or earlier where possible, in order to give staff time to respond to your child's work. Staff are not expected to mark work on the same day if it is submitted later than 3pm.

### **What can I do to help my child?**

#### **Create a positive environment for your child to learn at home, for example:**

- **Distinguish between weekdays and weekends**, to separate school life and home life
- **Designate a working space if possible**, and at the end of the day have a clear cut-off to signal school time is over
- **Create and stick to a routine**, as this is what your child is used to at school. For example, eat breakfast at the same time each morning and make sure they're dressed before starting the 'school' day
- **Stick a timetable up on the wall** so everyone knows what they should be doing when, and tick activities off throughout the day
- **Make time for exercise and breaks** throughout the day to keep your child active
- **Send a daily update of your child's work to their teacher via email** so teachers can monitor how your child is doing and offer support where needed
- **Keep in regular contact with school** so we know you are ok and can answer any questions you may have.

### **Website addresses you may need:**

Remember specific links for work can be found on your classes overview sheet for each week.

<https://www.thenational.academy/> - Oak Academy video lessons

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> - White Rose Maths

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary> - BBC Bitesize

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student> - TT Rockstars

<https://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/> - Discovery Education

### **Discovery Education**

Next week we shall be issuing some new user names and passwords for another online resource we have purchased. So please look out for these. We will send out further information about how to use this resource in due course.

### **Finally**

Please don't hesitate to call us if you are having problems with any of this. You are not alone. We will be only too pleased to support you either over the phone, virtually or as a last resort you could arrange to come to the school office.