



Bapchild & Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School and Nursery

Headteacher: Mr C Kelly

School Lane
Bapchild
Kent ME9 9NL

email: office@bapchild.kent.sch.uk

Tel: 01795 424143

22nd January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope I find you all safe and well.

The majority of our children are receiving their learning remotely and I hope that you have found a routine for your child to follow. As you may be aware, schools are required to have a remote learning plan in place so that any child who cannot attend school because of COVID-19 does not miss out on their learning. This is on the website and details the approach the school is taking, teacher and pupil expectations, how parents can support, how to access help and support.

Our remote learning plan has been made with our pupils and their families in mind. We believe that this strategy will work best for the children at our school. Attendance in online sessions is very high and the vast majority of children are accessing one of the sessions and submitting work.

We do however need to remind the children of the following expectations of joining an online session either as a lesson or worship:

- Pupils will attempt the work set to the best of their abilities.
- Where possible pupils will upload work for the class teacher to assess.
- During video calls/lessons with teachers it is really important that pupils stick to these rules:
 - Pupils or parents only use the Google Account unique to Bapchild and Tonge Primary School and Nursery. Failure to do so may mean that access will not be granted to meetings or hangouts.
 - Position the lesson in the dining room, living room or kitchen and try to avoid using the bedroom or any closed off space.
 - Pupils must be dressed and ready – not in pyjamas.
 - Pupils need to remember that the video conference or virtual whole school worship is part of school. They must be respectful to staff and other pupils. School rules still apply.
 - Pupils must have their cameras on so that staff can ensure who is there and that they are participating.
 - Pupils and users must not record or take pictures of your teacher or classmates during your online sessions.
 - Pupils and users must not use the chat feature unless instructed to do so by the adult leading the live session.
 - Pupils must not eat through sessions or do other distracting things such as have pets on their laps or desks as this takes away from the learning.



To support your child so they are successful we would ask that:

- You make resources/lessons available online, e.g. a device that can access the internet, such as a laptop, desktop computer, tablet, or smartphone.
- Support and have available resources such as worksheets or notebooks. Teachers have been asked to reduce the use of worksheets and many are available for children to type directly onto Google Docs.
- Consider children's home learning environment too but where they can be checked.

If children and families do not engage in the home learning we will make:

- Phone calls home.
- Increase feedback.
- Home visits.
- Refer to external agencies for welfare checks.

Our top tips:

- Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day and to keep to a timetable.
- Distinguish between weekdays and weekends, and make it clear when the school day is over to separate home and school life.
- Plan breaks and exercise into the day to help keep your child active.
- Use the resources provided by school but supplement with many of the other resources available such as BBC Bitesize, Oak Academy.

I know parents/carers are doing an amazing job in a very difficult time and that home learning is very unique. We are here to support so please do hesitate to contact us if you have any safeguarding or welfare concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

C Kelly

Mr C Kelly
Headteacher