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Dear Parents/Carers,

Further Information about Remote Learning

Firstly, a huge thank you for your amazing support and hard work in helping the children at home access the lessons on Google Classroom this week. The response from every year group has been fantastic and it's lovely to see almost everyone at home engaging with the tasks set and interacting with their teacher and class friends each day. We completely understand that everyone is in a different situation at home and it may not always be possible for children to complete or submit tasks at the suggested times. This is absolutely fine; work can be submitted later than the deadline. Please be aware though that work submitted late may not be marked until the following day, as you are aware teachers have demands for teaching face to face and preparing and responding to home learning.

Zoom Sessions

We would very much like to develop our interaction with the children further next week by introducing some live Zoom sessions. We know how important it is for children to keep in touch with their teacher and friends and we are very keen to have some face to face contact with the children at home. We know that access to this may be limited if devices at home are shared therefore we have tried to organise timings to minimise this problem. If for any reason you cannot log in to the live sessions, please don't worry, the work will still be set and explained on Google Classroom. Please note that depending on the age of the children, the content, duration and frequency of any live interaction will differ. You will be notified of meeting codes and times the evening before any live events are due to take place. In preparation for this, please can you download Zoom to your devices <https://zoom.us/> so the children are ready for Monday morning when all classes will have their first live session.

Please be aware that teachers will also be teaching the children of critical workers in the classroom whilst they are linking up with the children at home. As you can imagine, this will be quite a challenge so please be patient and bear with us as we get this new way of learning up and running next week.

Class Teachers will provide more detail about their individual timetables and live sessions on Google Classroom.

Online Safety

Before we commence live lessons it's imperative that you read our **Remote Learning Policy** which was sent last week. Also, please discuss the following statements with the children and support them in following them:



Remote Home Learning statements for children

- **I will not take photographs, screenshots or record anything while I am online with my teacher. Filming or photographing others without their permission is not permitted.**
- I will make sure that I am ready for learning, wearing appropriate clothing (not my pyjamas). Please be aware anyone else who might be seen on my camera will also need to make sure they are dressed appropriately.
- I will use my real name when I log in so that my teacher knows who I am. **I will not add emojis or symbols to my screen-name.
- I agree not to be distracted by things like eating, playing with my pet, reading books etc.
- I will keep my microphone on mute unless I am told otherwise by the teacher.
- I will not chat to others or use the chat function unless we have been asked to do so by the teacher appropriately.
- I will try to find a suitable learning environment to work in: an enclosed space which is public but quiet. I agree not to work in my bedroom as this is my own private space.
- There will be an adult nearby whilst I am online. Even if I don't need their help, they will be there to make sure I am safe online.

**** When logging in to the Zoom meeting, please type your child's name so the teachers can see them in the waiting room.**

Communicating with teachers

Please can all communication with teachers go through Google Classroom directly or through the new email addresses listed below:

Reception: aloveless@hollyfamilyprimary.com

Year 1: ncarey@hollyfamilyprimary.com

Year 2: jappleton@hollyfamilyprimary.com

Year 3: cveevers@hollyfamilyprimary.com

Year 4: smorrissey@hollyfamilyprimary.com

Year 5: pdavies@hollyfamilyprimary.com

Year 6: jpagan@hollyfamilyprimary.com or hrooney@hollyfamilyprimary.com

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rooney