

Guidance for Parents around Home Learning

Please find below guidance around the home learning we will be expecting from your child and how this will work.

How will work be provided for my child?

Children have been sent home with work packs and exercise books. In the next few days, a link will become available on our school website for you to access your child's home learning resources. You can access this as follows:

- Visit www.dittonlodgeprimary.co.uk
- Click on the 'Learning Community' tab
- Then click on the 'Home Learning' tab
- This should allow you to access a link to a word document. This document will be updated daily, with a new table of work, with suggestions for work for your child for that day. You will have to scroll through the document to find the correct day.
- The learning may be written tasks, link to online learning or guidance on projects.
- Over the next few days, teachers will also be creating short YouTube videos to for pupils. Some of these may be stories which are read aloud, some may be phonics tuition, some may be maths calculation methods and so on. Links to these videos will be sent through via the class daily timetable.

How much time should my child spend on home learning every day?

Your child is in school learning every day from 9.00am to 3.00pm. This is usually made up of 90 minutes of English, 60 minutes of Maths and two hours of 'other' subjects. In between this, children have breaks, get fresh air, take exercise outdoors and attend assembly. You may decide to structure your day in this way. You may find that your child will lead you in terms of setting up their day. However, we would like to be realistic about what we expect your child to achieve and realise they may not complete all the tasks on their timetables. This is okay. We appreciate that many of you will be trying to work from home as well. In an ideal world, children will complete some of the tasks from their daily timetable every day and will mix this up with a range of other activities and plenty of fresh air and exercise.

Do you have any advice about helping my child work at home?

Your children are used to having a clear routine in school. It may help to set up a daily routine at home as well. We recommend that children get dressed for 'home school' every day as this will

help them to focus and not feel as though they are sitting in their pyjamas at the weekend. Giving your child a clear space to work with plenty of pens, pencils and colouring materials may be helpful; maybe the end of a dining table or a space in their bedrooms. Regular breaks and plenty of fresh air and healthy eating will help.

How can I ensure my child stays safe when learning online and looking at YouTube videos?

We are excited about creating YouTube videos for your children and we are confident that the content will be useful and safe for your child. However, the school cannot be responsible for pop-ups, adverts and surrounding videos that may come alongside these videos on the website. We are asking that you please supervise your children whilst they are on YouTube to maximise their online safety. We would also ask that you supervise your child when they are using the internet to access online learning and websites. Again, this will ensure that they are on the correct, suitable websites. Finally, by ensuring that your child has a mixture of 'screen time' and other activities, such as reading, art projects and other offline learning, you will be keeping them safer.

Can I contact my child's class teacher?

Every school day, your child's class teacher will update their planning document and add new tasks for that day's learning. There will also be an email address linked to each class (see the table at the bottom of the document). This email address will be for asking for clarity on your child's learning. We are being very clear with teachers that our expectations for home learning emails will be that they check them twice a day and respond to them within school hours if possible. We will not be expecting teachers to respond to home learning emails in the evenings or during weekends. Could we please take this moment to remind you of the need to treat staff with kind and respectful language? They may be faced with emails from 30 parents a day so please be patient.

Will the school contact us in any other way?

We would like parents to email to us pictures of their children's work or examples of their work on a regular basis. This will help us to keep in touch with your child's learning as well as it being a chance to check that you are well and safe. If we do not hear from you regarding your child over several days, we will be contacting you by phone to check that you are well and you have an understanding of the home learning.

Email addresses for each class:

Reception	DLP-YEARR@dittonlodgeprimary.co.uk
Year One	DLP-YEAR1@dittonlodgeprimary.co.uk
Year Two	DLP-YEAR2@dittonlodgeprimary.co.uk
Year Three	DLP-YEAR3@dittonlodgeprimary.co.uk
Year Four	DLP-YEAR4@dittonlodgeprimary.co.uk
Year Five	DLP-YEAR5@dittonlodgeprimary.co.uk
Year Six	DLP-YEAR6@dittonlodgeprimary.co.uk