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Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 5 Remote Teaching – to commence from Thursday 10th December - midday

As you will be aware, we have closed the academy to all pupils as there are insufficient staff available in school to support teaching and learning. We will therefore be offering online teaching from this afternoon until the end of the day on Thursday 17th December.

If you have internet access, you can access several different teaching opportunities throughout the next two weeks, details of which can be found below.

If you do not have internet access and have not managed to speak to one of our senior team, please contact us on fsm@thebairdprimaryacademy.org.uk and we will send a paper pack of work for your child. Please ensure the completed pack is returned with your child at the start of January, so that our teachers can mark the work.

Online Learning Opportunities

We will be offering two different online learning opportunities during this time – we hope that all children will be engaged with this in some form as this will offer them the opportunity to liaise closely with their class teacher and other school staff.

1. Purple Mash Blogs

Work has been set on Purple Mash on the Year 5 blog which can be found at <https://www.purplemash.com/blog?sharedLinkMode=1#/app/blog/5e72460a644e4f296d03ce05/>

If your child does not have their username and password, please contact the school office to obtain this. Pupils can complete the tasks and submit them for marking by the teachers. The teachers will check Purple Mash on a daily basis and respond to any communication.

We would encourage all pupils to use Purple Mash during this time as well as Bug Club to promote pupil's reading. If you need your username and password for this website, please contact us.

2. Online Lessons

On a daily basis, we will be offering online lessons, taught by the year 5 teachers. Every parent will be sent a link for the virtual lessons via email – you will be sent one link for each day in an email. This will be a link that you click on and will take you to the online classroom.

In all online lessons there will be two members of staff and pupils will not be allowed to have their cameras on – parents must ensure that their child’s camera is off.

Parents are asked to monitor their child’s use and ensure that they do not record anything and that they adhere to our online safety policy at all times; this can be found at <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1604404633/brightonacademiestrustorguk/gbhmtdimfbfu45noj6iq/tba-OnlineSafetySeptember2020.pdf>

We will be offering lessons at the following times:

9.00 – 9.45 – Destination Reader

10.00 – 10.30 – Maths. Children will then be set tasks to complete following this session.

11.15 – 11.45 – English. Children will then be set tasks to complete following this session.

1.00 – 1.30 – Topic. Children will then be set tasks to complete following this session.

3.00 – 3.15 – Story Time – year group teachers will read a story online.

Parents should use the link sent for each day (sent via email) to join each session. A register will be taken for each session.

By signing into each session, parents agree to:

- Adhere to our Acceptable Use Agreement – sent out in September
- Switch off their child’s camera
- Ensure their child is in a suitable space at home where they can be monitored
- Ensure their child is dressed appropriately.
- Ensure their child behaves appropriately online.
- Ensure their child does not record the session.

We understand that this is a very challenging time for parents. Please do not hesitate to contact us on office@thebairdprimaryacademy.org.uk if you require assistance or further information. We hope to see lots of our pupils in our online sessions.

We look forward to welcoming Year 5 back to school on Tuesday 5th January.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Welch
Principal