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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Online Learning – Our Next Steps for Weeks Beginning 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

I hope that you and your children have enjoyed the online learning on offer this week. I hope that having the children's tasks posted up the previous evening has been helpful for you. We have received a few positive comments about this, so thank you to those of you who have taken the time to do this.

This week, all classes continued to have their 2 Google Meets, with support staff joining in for the first time. They were so excited to see all the boys and girls again! The children also had live teaching during their Google Meets, which appears to have helped them with their follow-up tasks thereafter. Please remember that whilst we love to see the children's faces on screen, if your child feels uncomfortable about this, he/she can still attend the Google Meet but keep their camera switched off. Their name still appears on the screen so we will still be able to see that they are in attendance and the most important thing is that they hear what is being said.

Once again, I have been blown away by the range of activities posted for each of our classes, as well as the standard of work that the children have produced. A sincere thank you to all our parents, carers and other family members for your support with this. Over 90% of our school posted up evidence of their learning last week, the same proportion of our school as the previous week. Let's see if we can get this figure even higher over the coming weeks!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Google form asking for your views on our existing remote learning provision week. We will continue to work our way through your suggestions in the weeks to come. This week, following a suggestion made by parents/carers, we have posted all tasks in the Classwork tab to make them easier to access. We have also archived previous home learning so that this page does not appear too cluttered. In addition, the introduction of live teaching through our Google Meets has let parents/carers see how things are taught in class.

As we are only in school 2 days next week, there will be no Google Meets in order to ensure that we keep things equitable for all classes. During week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> February, all staff will be recording themselves teaching something new to either a group or the whole class, so please look out for information about this being posted on your child's Google Classroom. Some support staff will be recording themselves reading a story to the children, too. Remember that you are able to pause and/or rewind these recordings as needed.

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We will also continue to post up a weekly challenge for all children to do as they wish, and our monthly reading challenge organised by the children in our P6 class and Miss Smith (one of our Literacy Coordinators) will remain ongoing. We love to see the photos that we receive from these and hope that you take the time to look at the videos that we post on our Google Classrooms for everyone to watch.

Please remember that you and your child should only do what you can manage given your individual family circumstances. If you cannot do everything, try not to become anxious about this. Instead, it's probably best to prioritise the Literacy and Numeracy tasks if you can. Remember, too, that children need to have regular breaks and the opportunity to play during the day, too. There is no expectation that any of our children should be sitting at a screen or even at a table for lengthy periods each day. All of our challenge tasks are optional and should only be completed if you feel that your child has the time to do them. Please also bear in mind that you do not need to post up absolutely everything that your child does either, so you can just select a couple of things if that helps?

Class teachers will continue to be on the live stream on Google Classroom to answer any questions and to give feedback to children for 2 separate hours per day: one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. These will vary from class to class so please look on Google Classroom every day to find out when these will be for your own child. Please remember that anything that is posted up after the time when the teacher is finished on the live stream for the afternoon will receive a response the following day. Could we also ask that children only post up work on the Stream or under the Classwork tab, attached to the assignment, not both. If your child's class teacher has a particular preference for one or the other, he/she will let the children know in a post on their Google Classroom. If you are unsure of how to access these different areas, please look at the 'Submitting Your Work on Google Classroom' document on the January 2021 section on our school website. This document has also been posted on all of our Google Classrooms.

When your child submits work on Google Classroom, their teacher will write a private comment on it, then return the work to the child so that he/she can read this comment. This also allows us to keep track of whose work has already received feedback.

If you have any problems accessing Google Classroom from home, please email Miss Lattimer (Acting Depute Head Teacher) and she will do her best to help ([gw07lattimerjennifer@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw07lattimerjennifer@glow.sch.uk)). We also still have a small number of devices that we are able to loan out to families to support them with learning at home should you not have anything of your own. Please either phone or email Miss Lattimer if this is something that you require.

I know that this continues to be a very anxious time for everyone, but please remember that this will not last forever and there will come a time in the near future when we can all be back together again. On Tuesday, the First Minister announced the phased return to schools and nurseries from 22<sup>nd</sup> February, provided the virus continues to be suppressed. At present, we are still awaiting further guidance on this and will share the plans for our own school and nursery as soon as we are able to do so.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns in relation to remote learning and/or your personal family circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact me by either phoning the school (01698 823680) or by emailing me directly ([gw14dlmpsht@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14dlmpsht@glow.sch.uk)). We are here to help if we can.

Yours sincerely

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