



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

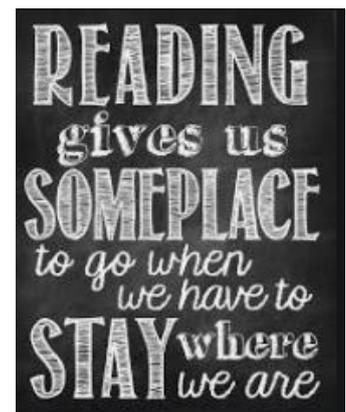
What a week it has been! I think we were all highly frustrated by the timing of the government's announcement on Monday evening. We thank you for the full support that we received for our decision to close to all children on Tuesday. This provided staff with invaluable time to prepare for remote learning. I am so proud of what we have achieved in such a short space of time.—we have set up in-school learning, remote learning workpacks have mostly been collected and regular Zoom lessons are scheduled to start next week. The learning taking place at home will mirror the lessons that are happening in school (and that would have happened if we weren't in lockdown). It will hugely benefit children to join the Zoom lesson as teachers will provide input just as they do in the classroom before the children then complete independent learning tasks. Staff will also be checking Seesaw and providing feedback regularly throughout the day. If your child completes work on paper, it is really helpful if you take a picture and upload to Seesaw so that it can be marked straight away.

A number of families have enquired about the laptops that have been provided by the DFE. It is important to point out that we only have a limited number and they are only for children who fall into the disadvantaged category from year 3 upwards. We would love to support as many families as we can with this and the news headlines would suggest that there is an abundance of devices. Sadly, the reality is that we have only been given very few and the government have announced that they are currently prioritising providing additional devices for secondary schools only.

For the small number of children still in school, they have shown impeccable behaviour and resilience with coping with this changing situation. For those learning at home, teachers have already received a lot of positive contact via Seesaw. Well done to all our families for adapting so quickly to the new regime this week—we know how difficult it is to juggle everything at home anyway and with home learning on top of everything else, you certainly have your hands full! Please do contact your child's class teacher or the school office if you need any further support.

I am feeling extremely positive about the coming weeks and am sure that we will continue to work together to ensure the best outcomes for our children. If there are any further government updates, we will contact you in due course. We only receive information from the government when you do, so please bear with us if you find that you are waiting to receive information from school. We also apologise for the volume of messages that have been sent out this week—we do send the same message more than once sometimes in order to make sure everybody has seen it.

Just to add to all of this, we may experience snowfall over the coming weeks. For those children attending, please assume that school is open unless you receive a text or Seesaw message stating otherwise.



Take care and stay safe, Mrs Hussain

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Live Zoom Lessons - Week Commencing Monday 11th January

The lessons will follow the National Curriculum in exactly the same way as in-school learning and resources will be provided on Seesaw, or in the paper home packs, that your child will be required to complete following the input from the teacher.

Details for how to log in to the Zoom meetings will be provided on Seesaw prior to the session. You do not need to have a Zoom account yourself in order to log into the meeting - just the meeting ID and password from the class teacher. If you have siblings at home together, we realise that they might not be able to access all their lessons if there is a clash on the timetable. Unfortunately, this is unavoidable in order that we can provide 3 lessons for most year groups every day. It will be up to you to decide which child accesses which lesson. Timings for lessons for the different year groups are as follows:

Reception: 9.00am and 11.30am
Year 1: 9.30am, 11.00am and 2.00pm
Year 2: 9.00am, 10.00am and 3.00pm
Year 3: 10.30am, 12 noon and 1.00pm
Year 4: 10.00am, 11.00am and 12.30pm
Year 5: 9.30am, 11.30am and 2.30pm
Year 6: 10.30am, 12 noon and 1.30pm

These live lessons will link to maths, English, Phonics (Reception/Year 1) and a foundation subject such as geography, history, science and PHSE/Jigsaw. In terms of safeguarding, children should be supervised by an adult at home when they are accessing the internet, including for Zoom lessons. These lessons will be recorded for safeguarding purposes.

Thank you for your continued support during the initial stages of this lockdown. We look forward to seeing the work produced at home. If you find that you are struggling with accessing the Zoom lessons and/or resources on Seesaw, please make contact via Seesaw or by ringing the office to discuss the matter further.

Leaving home—current rules

It is important to remember that we are in a national lockdown—please see below for a reminder of the current rules regarding going out.

You must not leave, or be outside of your home except where necessary. You may leave the home to:

- shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person
- go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home
- exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person, this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- meet your [support bubble](#) or [childcare bubble](#) where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
- seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)
- attend education or childcare - for those eligible

If you do leave home for a permitted reason, you should always stay local - unless it is necessary to go further, for example to go to work. Stay local means stay in the village, town, or part of the city where you live.

CORONAVIRUS is still out there



Wash **HANDS**

For 20 seconds and often



Cover **FACE**

Wear a face covering when possible



Make **SPACE**

Stay 2m apart from others



Get a **TEST**

If you have symptoms of Coronavirus