



HEATH FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Home School learning provision

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As a school, we are preparing in case home school learning should be required again at some point this year. We hope this won't be a necessity, but we feel it is vital to be prepared just in case.

We envisage three scenarios whereby home school learning would be required:

1. In case a child is required to self-isolate for any reason, for example, due to a close contact being confirmed as testing positive for Covid-19.
2. Where a class 'bubble' is required to self-isolate due to a member of the class having a confirmed positive case of Covid-19.
3. In the unlikely event that we need to close the school due to local lockdown measures.

In these scenarios, in Years 1 to 6, we will be using Showbie to help us stay in contact and to help us provide more responsive education for your child. EYFS will continue to use Tapestry.

Showbie works on any device with an internet connection. Showbie is available as an app on a wide range of devices, or you can access Showbie through their website: www.showbie.com

In the event of an individual child needing to self-isolate, teaching staff will be able to leave work for your child in their Showbie account. We can also direct your child to helpful resources. Your child can complete the work set, then either take a photograph of their work and send it back to us, or use any of the apps features to respond- such as the annotation tool if they need to write on a document or they can leave a comment. We will then be able to mark any completed work and give further support if required.

In Showbie, there will be folders for each subject (English, Maths, Topic, etc...). There will also be a 'Leave us a message' section whereby both parents and children are welcome to message us with any questions they may have, or if your child just wants to say hello to their teacher! Please bear in mind though the Showbie accounts will only be checked regularly in the event of the three scenarios listed above, and may not be checked as regularly the rest of the time due to teaching commitments.

In the event that a whole class needs to isolate, or in the unlikely event of a whole school closure, we will use Showbie in conjunction with our 'work from home' pages on our school website which can be found at www.heathfields.derbyshire.sch.uk. Children will be able to send all work to their Showbie account to be marked, and teachers will be able to guide them and leave them further challenges or give them more support via Showbie as required.

If your child is unwell, then we wouldn't expect them to complete online learning until they are well enough to do so.

Please let us know if you do not have access to the internet at home so we can make alternative arrangements for your child.

This is a new situation for us too, so we are hoping to learn, adapt and improve ourselves as the year progresses. We will inform you of any changes as they arise. We hope these measures will not be required often, but we felt it was important to be prepared.

In order for the children to be familiar with Showbie, we will be setting some homework this year in Years 1 to 6 using Showbie. Homework will be set in the homework folder in your child's account. Once your child has completed the set work, they can send it back by either taking a photograph of their work or writing it as a comment. Your child's class teacher will advise you of when homework will be updated.

Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Paterson

