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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Details about remote home learning 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

As you will be aware, we will be delivering remote home learning for most children. Over the next 4 days (Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup>), remote learning will be the same as the curriculum the children in school are accessing, as much as this is possible.

**Year R** will be using Tapestry to send and receive work back. There is more guidance for parents on our website. Here is the link. <https://www.bitterneprimary.net/home-learning/tapestry/>

**Year 1 to Year 6** will be using Seesaw.

I know Year 1 parents are new to Seesaw. We will support parents with transition from Tapestry to Seesaw. All families should have had their log in codes before Christmas.

If any parent is struggling to log in and get things started follow the link to our website <https://www.bitterneprimary.net/home-learning/seesaw/> which has useful introductory videos to help get things started. Please make sure you have downloaded the Class APP in order to access activities. If you need the code again or are having any problems then please do email us, and we will work to support you.

The activities will be sent by Seesaw and you can send back work, photos or videos to the teacher. Year 6 will be trialling videoing the lesson introduction they are delivering in the critical worker class and then sending it by seesaw to those at home. Please note that there will be a delay of up to 30 minutes after the video has been done to allow us to get it up onto Seesaw. If you have any questions about this, Mr Precious would be happy to answer them.

I am sure there will be some glitches at first as we expand remote learning for all classes, but we will work as hard as we can to overcome these. If after the first day, we have not had any response from a family for home learning we will try and contact you by email or phone to check things are ok. It is still important that parents still inform the school office if their child is unwell, as we won't expect them to be home learning while they are unwell.

One of the year group teachers will be responsible for the remote learning for the whole year group. If they are not available, we will have a back-up person to make sure you still get the work as soon as possible. The work will be ready by 9am at the latest each day and where possible we will send work the night before ready for the next day.

**Access to IT** - If any family does not currently have a laptop or tablet to in order to access home learning, please do email [info@bitterneceprimary.net](mailto:info@bitterneceprimary.net). We may be able to help but will prioritise families eligible for benefits linked free school meals.

**Free school meals lunches** - If your child is eligible for benefits linked free school meals, the school will organise for City Catering to deliver a lunch food parcel to be safely delivered to your home. The office will be ordering these for everyone who is eligible. We will let you know when the expected delivery date will be. Please note: this is not for the universal meals that all of Year R, 1 and 2 have.

**Equipment for home learning** - If any family needs any paper or stationery (pen, pencil ruler etc), please email us and we will aim to get these delivered to your home as soon as we are able to do this. This is likely to be after school though. Alternatively, we can arrange a suitable safe pick up from outside the school office at an agreed time.

Please keep informing us of any Covid related illnesses in your family and when you need to isolate. I know of a number of our school community have had Covid in their family over Christmas and some are still unwell or in hospital. I would like to send anyone currently isolating or unwell with Covid very best wishes on behalf of the school and hope that everyone feels better soon.

If you have any other questions about any aspect of home learning, please do contact us. I will update everyone on Friday on what will happen next week, with the hope that things will have changed for the better.

Yours sincerely

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