



MEMO – 5/1/21:

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Update on Home Learning support during School closure re: Coronavirus/COVID-19**

We wanted to write to you outlining in as much detail as possible the support and provision we have made, and will make ahead, regarding continuing delivering high quality learning opportunities and resources for yourselves and our pupils at home during this national lockdown.

Please be assured that as a school we will be working in support of our pupils and yourselves throughout this period, continuing to provide educational input, support, advice and resources for you all. We fully understand this return to home schooling will once again be a major shift for us all. The work and resources we are sending home are there to support and facilitate home learning, as we know how hard you will all be working whilst also managing and supporting your children in this new national lockdown.

#### **On-going home learning:**

- From tomorrow, all teachers will be directing and providing learning for the children and supporting yourselves as parents.
- All staff have planned this terms learning, focussing on developing key skills in maths, reading, writing and GHASP (grammar, handwriting, spelling and punctuation), whilst also maintaining the breadth and balance of the children's learning opportunities, designing the learning to be as supportive and easy as possible to both follow and implement at home.
- ***New work will be uploaded to the class pages on the school website by 9-30am.***  
<https://www.bratton.wilts.sch.uk/>
- The work on the website will encompass worksheets, web-links and there will be video links to our YouTube channel with staff introducing and modelling learning, also linking work in with Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Professor Assessor.
- All the work will have accompanying explanations and support for you as parents to aid successful delivery of the learning at home.
- Over the coming days we will also be introducing further interactive teaching via Microsoft Teams.
- We will monitor how all of this is working and will of course listen to feedback and adapt, change and amend our practice as we continue to improve our provision in this blended learning environment.
- We are abundantly aware that resources for us all at home continue to be at a premium due to the enforced isolation, so the aim is that the majority of the work can be accessed easily from the screen without the need for printing.

- Please do once again utilise the class email if you have any queries or concerns about any of the home learning.
- This email is also a chance for you as parents to scan in or send in photographs of children's work that you would like teachers to look at, or to ask any questions relating to home learning that you may have, and we look forward to this tool once again allowing for increased interaction between the children, parents and staff.

As we hope you can see, as a school, we will be aiming to continue with each year groups' curricula goals in the coming term. To clarify the above in more detail:

**Home learning:** From tomorrow morning teachers will be posting work, tasks, support, videos, weblinks and learning advice on the school website, <https://www.bratton.wilts.sch.uk/> with each class teacher posting these on their class pages. The work will cover a full breadth of subjects and skill development and will be regularly updated.

**Professor assessor:** This is an online tool and resource we use to support maths teaching in school for years 1 to 6. It allows us as teachers to target work and interventions for every child, at their level and right down to only allowing them to access and work on tasks and skills teachers have specifically prepared for them. The work is then marked by the website/programme itself and that information is fed back to teachers, allowing them to check progress and understanding, then to set future learning. The programmes will also then produce follow up tasks and intervention packages for the children that focus on building strengths and addressing misconceptions. It also has extensive times table practice tasks, with rewards associated. We will therefore be once again emailing home children's professor assessor logins. To access the site, please click on the link <https://www.prof123.co.uk/Start> and to learn more about it please click on <https://www.professorassessor.co.uk/>

**Mathletics:** We have a school subscription to mathletics for every pupil. Mathletics is an online maths learning tool, that again can be managed by our teachers to tailor work to individual and class needs, as well as allowing teachers to monitor usage, understanding and support misconceptions, and to recommend new work. The site is also full of engaging maths games, puzzles, tutorials and allows children to play these games against students from all over the world, safely within the confines of the site. Once again, we will be sending home individual logins to access this site, please follow the link <https://www.mathletics.com/uk/> and to find out more about the application, please visit <https://www.mathletics.com/uk/for-schools/>

**Reading eggs:** As with athletics, we have a school subscription to reading eggs (eggspres). This is an online reading resource, encompassing access to many reading texts, extracts of books, reading games and particularly reading comprehension activities. As with athletics, teachers can monitor, guide and lead learning, in response to children's progress, and, as above, there are many independent learning opportunities for the children to take advantage of. We will again be emailing home a login for each child and to access the site, please click the link <https://readingeggs.co.uk/> and visit <https://readingeggs.co.uk/about/parents> to find out more about the resource.

**Microsoft Teams for education:** We will be contacting you all with more details on this in the coming days. This platform is very similar to the Teams meetings you have all experienced during parent consultations, but it allows for live teaching and learning to take place, also giving us the opportunity to bring together and link up the pupils working from home with the children working in school, across the coming weeks. This will also allow us to support home learning via live interactive 'chat', providing in session feedback and instant points of development

**YouTube channel:** We will once again be supporting learning through video inputs and prerecorded 'live' teaching, whereby our staff can pre-record content that will either model learning, lead children into an activity, enrich their learning through reading a text or simply deliver a mini lesson input 'at home'. We therefore have a school YouTube channel to facilitate this. This can be found on YouTube by searching for Bratton Primary School and you will see our school logo and banner. The channel allows staff to upload files, with a wide range of content, aimed at ensuring even greater support and engagement for you all at home. Teachers will add links to the channel in their planning documentation, pointing out when and where the video is relevant to the learning. Bratton Primary School channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCww7F97lxXtPUWEZ9d7KX9g>

We are also exploring further online learning support packages and will update you on these in the coming weeks.

We also intend to remain in contact with you all as much as we can, still sending out letters and newsletters to ensure everyone feels connected to the school and to each other, during this unusual period of not being together as a whole school community.

We thank you all for your support and understanding. Please be assured we will continue to follow the latest government and Public Health England advice and we will keep everyone updated via our school communications and if you have any concerns or questions about the home learning in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Regards,  
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