



Guidance for Parents and Carers during closure

As you may be aware, schools are required to have a remote learning plan in place so that any child who cannot attend school because of COVID-19 does not miss out on their learning.

This letter explains our plans for remote learning for children who have to self-isolate, or where local or national restrictions mean that children need to stay at home.

Our remote learning plan

At Lionwood Infant and Nursery School, our aim is to ensure that our remote education planning and delivery runs alongside our curriculum offer in school. As when pupils are in school, we aim to tailor the learning to the needs of the pupils. All remote learning is planned and will be delivered by our fantastic staff team who are well equipped to make sure any pupils educated at home are given the support they need to master the curriculum and make good progress.

At Lionwood, we understand that all families have individual circumstances, for example, the support that can be provided to a child with remote learning and access to devices with an internet connection. If you need any support with accessing the remote learning, please get in contact with the school as soon as possible. Our message to families remains **'do what you can.'**

Lionwood Infant and Nursery School will:

- Provide a minimum of 3 hours of learning per day (as per government guidelines – there is no expectation that this must all be completed).
- Upload a weekly plan for each year group, via the school website.
- Upload daily sessions for Phonics, Maths and a foundation subject (e.g. Geography, Life Skills, DT etc) on to Class Dojo – more detailed plan for when these will be shared below.
- Share resources on the school website and via Class Dojo.
- Provide paper resources for those without technology or who would prefer to use pencil and paper.
- Provide feedback for work completed, including comments on work and next steps where required.
- Host daily zoom registers to keep in touch with pupils.

We would like parents to:

- Have a login for class dojo for yourselves and your child.
- Upload your child's work on to their portfolio so teachers can feed back. You must be on your child's account to do this.
- Please use the messaging to ask questions related to learning. If possible, do not post work on messages as only your child's teacher will be able to see it and comment.
- Please let us know by the end of the day on a Thursday, if you would like the next weeks learning printed out. This can will give us some time to print it out for collection on Monday.
- Remember that the learning plan for the week can be found on our school website (Parent Info / Home Learning) and will also be shared each week via teachers on Class Dojo.
- Ensure that learning (e.g. videos) that are shared by teachers are only shared with your child and used for the purpose for which they are intended.

What you'll need at home:

- A device that can access the internet, for example a laptop, tablet or smartphone.
- Paper and pencils
- If possible, a quiet space to work

If your child does not have any of the above, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can help support you.

Suggested Outline of the Day:

Time	Information
9.15 – 9.45	Zoom registration and keeping in touch with parents/children
9.30	Phonics video to be posted.
10.30 – 10.45	Break.
10.45	Maths posted on ClassDojo including a video to support with modelling or completing the activity.
12.00 – 12.45	Lunch
12.45	Foundation subject challenge.
2.30 (Tuesday and Thursday)	P.E/Mindfulness Yoga
2.45 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)	Story 3 times a week.
3.00 – 4.00	Teachers will respond to any questions or give feedback to any work submitted in the day during this time, as well as plan for the next day's learning.

Wellbeing of children

The wellbeing of the children is our number one priority. We understand that self-isolating and remote learning can be very difficult and we do not want the completion of any tasks to cause conflict in the household. You know your family best and what works for them. Use our suggestions as a guide to help give structure and routine to the days.

We are also aware that children who are self-isolating may be accessing more than the recommended amount of screen time per day and it is important to ensure that they have sufficient time getting fresh air, moving around and playing. We encourage this, while reminding parents/carers to continue to follow the rules of the national lockdown.

Our top tips:

- Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day. Although our timetable is flexible, it may be helpful to create a routine together that works for you.
- Distinguish between weekdays and weekends, and make it clear when the school day is over, to separate home and school life
- Plan breaks and exercise into the day to keep your child active

Please keep in touch with us and do let us know if you're having any difficulties with remote learning, or you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.