

~School Closure and Remote Learning ~

Dear Parents and carers,

Following the Government's announcement last night, please find details of our plans for remote learning. Work for your child will be set using Seesaw and children who are accessing key worker provision at school will also be completing the same activities in school. If you do not have your child's login code, please contact the school office who will be able to re send your child's code. Teachers will be using Seesaw to set daily tasks for a variety of subjects. Seesaw is a super platform for sharing work between home and school and enabling much needed interaction between families and your child's class teacher. Please note there is no expectation that your child completes the activities using Seesaw itself (this can be a little fiddly!) nor is there any expectation that families print worksheets that are shared by your child's class teacher for your child to complete. It is perfectly acceptable to use Seesaw to simply view the worksheets/activities/videos and complete the activities on paper then upload a photo. We know that for lots of children this is going to be a very different way of working and by completing activities on paper is much more familiar to them, especially the younger children; it will also maintain basic handwriting skills. An exercise book isn't required to complete activities, but if you would prefer to use one please contact school.

If you are unable to access Seesaw and linked resources on a suitable device please contact the school office and we will be able to support you further in accessing your child's work: school has access to a couple of devices from the DfE that we are able to loan out to families who do not have access to a suitable device.

Thank you to the parents who submitted responses to the remote learning questionnaire sent out before Christmas; your feedback has been really useful. I will be looking at offering some support sessions (virtually) for parents on using Seesaw and supporting children working at home. Details of this will follow shortly.

We fully appreciate that each family's circumstances in supporting your child in their learning activities at home will differ and are mindful that many parents will also be trying to work as well as support children and older and younger siblings too. Our plans for remote learning have been designed to give families flexibility over when to complete tasks throughout the day to fit in with busy family working schedules.

Finally, it leaves me to say that I am delighted and honoured to have the opportunity to be Acting Headteacher of our fantastic school and I am looking forward working with families and staff over the next two terms whilst the governors appoint a permanent Headteacher. I'm hoping that the experience of working alongside Mrs Budd for many, many years will enable me to continue the good work we do here at Hanwood and provide some stability for our whole school community in these uncertain times.

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