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Dear Parents/Carers (Years 1 – 6)



Firstly, I'd like to 'thank you' for the huge uptake in the vast majority of you downloading and signing up to the Class Dojo home-learning platform. We now have 100% of the children and over 95% of our parents connected. Excellent!

In following the latest advice from the Department for Education, as a school, we need to be prepared in the event of children, or members of staff, needing to self-isolate should they develop symptoms of Covid-19 or if they are contacted by Test and Trace. If this is the case, I foresee that there are three possible scenarios during term time:

1. The class teacher needs to self-isolate:
 - In this instance, children will continue to be taught by school or supply staff. The member of staff covering will work closely with the class teacher (via telephone / video communication software) and will follow the class teacher's direction and planning.
2. Individual children / families need to self-isolate:
 - In this instance, work / activities will be set daily via the Class Dojo platform, by the class teacher for the children to complete at home.
3. A whole class needs to isolate (including the teacher) – this could also include a lockdown situation where the school has to close:
 - Also, in this instance, work / activities will be set daily via the Class Dojo platform, by the class teacher for the children to complete at home.

How will my child receive the work?

If children are self-isolating during term time, class teachers will be setting 3-4 pieces of work daily (from a range of subjects) via the Class Dojo platform. These activities will appear under '**Activities**' or '**Portfolio**' on the **child's account**. Class Teachers may also send messages to you, or update your newsfeed, with an outline of the work / activities to be completed that day.



Are the children learning how to use Class Dojo?

Children are whizzes at technology! Often, they're much better than me! The children are becoming increasingly familiar with this learning platform. Class teachers are setting weekly homework tasks via Class Dojo and there are opportunities to explore this platform in class time too.



Will all of my child's work need to be completed online?

No. Not all of the work will need to be completed online. However, each day, the tasks will be posted onto the Class Dojo platform. Some of these tasks will need completing online and some of them will need completing elsewhere (in their homework book or in your house). Any work that is completed offline could then be photographed or videoed and sent to the teacher via Class Dojo.



Will teachers be checking my child's work?

Yes – absolutely. The teachers will be checking work daily and feeding back to individuals and their classes as appropriate.

What happens if my child can't complete their work online?

We now have over 95% of parents connected to the Class Dojo platform. In the extremely small amount of cases that would need an entire paper-based system, it is vital that this is communicated to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Will teachers contact our family?

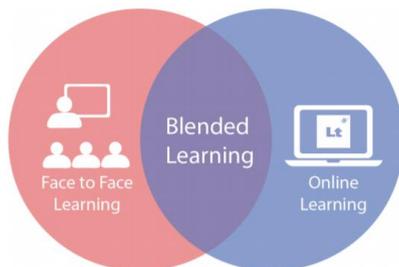
Yes. They will be in contact daily via the Class Dojo platform. They may also make a telephone call too.

How would I contact the school during a lockdown?

In the event of school closure during term time, please contact us via the school office email address (office@littlehill.leics.sch.uk) and the most appropriate person will contact you back.

What happens if my child finishes all of the work set for the day?

Wow! If your child finished their learning tasks for the day, there is a vast array of useful websites available on our [Learning Zone \(Blended Learning\)](#) section of the website.



Where can I find out more information about this?

If you'd like to read our full [Blended Learning Policy](#) it can be found on our [Learning Zone \(Blended Learning\)](#) section of the website.

I hope this answers your questions regarding the measures we have taken to ensure that your child's education continues should any self-isolation scenarios take place. I also intend to explain this via a video, which I will post on Class Dojo later today.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr Williams'.

Mr Williams
Acting Deputy Headteacher