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Dear parent / carer,

We have now been providing daily home learning for four weeks. Our teachers and teaching assistants are working incredibly hard in order to provide lessons for pupils in class and for pupils learning at home. Well done to all the pupils who have been uploading work each day. We are very impressed with you and you make us proud at Richardson Dees.

Remote learning is appropriate to the age of your child and any additional needs. It follows the National Curriculum, but some general principles are outlined below:

- Home learning should last for three hours for children in EYFS and Keys Stage 1, four hours in Key Stage 2.
- Teaching videos and slides are provided and there is learning in different areas of the school curriculum across the week.
- We ask that the children send their work back to school each day on Seesaw so that the teacher can check the learning and provide feedback as necessary.

### Seesaw Platform

Your child has a code to access Seesaw online. Each class teacher posts a range of work on Seesaw on every school day. This includes a maths lesson, English writing lesson and a reading lesson.

Teachers and TAs are looking at any work / items that the children share back with them and commenting to celebrate this. It's not always possible to give feedback in the way that we normally do in school, as this relies on face to face discussion and the sharing of good examples in the class.

Teachers are available to respond to any queries you may have about the work, however please do not expect an immediate response. Please bear in mind that they are still teaching in school.

Teachers may need to send you / your child a message from time to time. There is no pressure to reply to this immediately. Like teachers, your response can be sent at a time that is convenient to you.

**If you are still having difficulty accessing Seesaw or need a device please contact us. We have laptops in school that we can lend to you so that your child can learn remotely.**





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**We've come up with a few key tips which will hopefully help at this challenging time:**

- Don't try to do too much. You might start with 30 minutes / an hour a day and then build up. Don't aim to do more than the suggested hours unless you and your child are happy to.
- Try to keep a routine. This doesn't mean a 'school day timetable'. This is a routine that works for your family and with older children would be best agreed with them. It might involve setting times for 'work' during the day and times for 'recreation / relaxation'. If you want any help with how to set a routine, please contact your child's teacher through Seesaw.
- Build in plenty of breaks and make sure your child drinks lots of water. The children are used to having short 'outdoor play breaks' / healthy snacks regularly when they work.
- Learning doesn't have to be at a table. Depending on the task, there may be a much more suitable place for your child to do an activity.
- Be kind to yourself. Lots of us are anxious and still trying to adjust to this new way of living. Lots of us are also still working and trying to balance this support for learning. Don't feel guilty if you miss a day, or just decide to spend a day having fun as a family, just do what you can. This time as a family is valuable and will hopefully be one of the positive things that we are able to take away from this experience.

## Teams

The Year 6 class are trialling Teams meetings so that pupils can chat with their friends and teachers. We hope to roll this out to other classes soon.

We are also considering other ways that we can develop our remote learning offer such as live registration and drop in sessions for those pupils / parents who feel they would benefit from it.

You can view our current offer on our website if you follow this link.

[https://richardson-dees.eschools.co.uk/website/remote\\_learning/537182](https://richardson-dees.eschools.co.uk/website/remote_learning/537182)

Kind regards,

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