Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you of what the remote learning will look like in Foundation Stage at Hockley
Heath Academy, in line with up to date Government guidance. Please note that any of this is subject to change.

Schools are expected to provide a minimum amount of remote education which varies according to each Key Stage:

* For Key Stage 1, the expectation is for pupils to have (on average) three hours a day.
* For Key Stage 2, the expectation is for pupils to receive (on average) four hours a day.
* For younger pupils, it would be less than three hours but there is no set expectation.
* Secondary provision is different again so what we are providing will have a different look and feel to secondary schools.

As previously stated there is no set time expectation of learning for children in Foundation Stage. However, here at HHA we really value the importance of early childhood education. Therefore, we will be setting weekly work for your child and, where we can, we will specify an estimated time frame to spend on this activity. This time is to include both recorded OR live direct teaching time AND time for pupils to complete tasks independently.

**Nursery:**

Mrs Wishart will upload a weekly video to your child’s Microsoft Teams Channel outlining the learning of the week. She will also read a story to the children. A document will also be sent home prior to the week outlined, of learning activities that are suggested to be completed at home throughout the week.

It is really important to upload any work you complete with your child or learning that your child accomplishes to Tapestry. Usually with your child present at school we are able to adapt and make changes to our planning to challenge your child accordingly as we can see their development. However, when they are at home, we cannot do this and rely on you to inform us of your child’s learning journey. **Please upload to tapestry at least once a week**, so the current activities are relevant and Mrs Wishart can plan appropriately for your child’s return to school.

**Reception:**

Miss Holmes will be providing daily interaction with the children through live Microsoft Teams Sessions. Other activities will also be provided through a document which will be sent out to the children prior to the relevant week.

As part of the government guidance: Have systems for checking, ***daily***, whether pupils are engaging with their work. Attendance to TEAMS sessions will be monitored, alongside Tapestry interaction.

I am aware that everybody’s circumstances will differ within this situation and ask that you communicate to me if you need any help with either accessing TEAMS or Tapestry. I can then put the support in place to ensure your child is still receiving the education they are entitled to, during the time that school is closed. Some of you have already spoken to me about this, which I am very grateful for.

I also ask that you **upload to tapestry at least twice a week**. This enables me to set meaningful work for your child, assess for subject knowledge gaps and provide appropriate feedback. It will also help me prepare for when all the children return back to school. I completely understand the difficulty that this puts on you as parents in these uncertain times, but for me to teach your child to the best of my ability, I need this information.

In terms of other resources that might be helpful for you at home, CBBC are offering a three-hour block of primary school programming from 9am on Monday 11th January 2021. This might provide additional support for families who do not have internet or computer access. Please just let us know if you are having to use this INSTEAD of any work that are being set.

We will of course continue to review the Foundation Stage provision we currently have in place, so that we can offer the best home learning experience to your children. If you have any constructive or positive feedback, please email office@hockley-heath.solihull.sch.uk with the subject heading EYFS REMOTE LEARNING FEEDBACK.

Keep safe and well.

Kindest Regards

Miss Holmes

EYFS and PE Lead