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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, the Government have asked all schools to have a remote learning plan in place so that children do not miss out on their learning if they have to self-isolate or where local or national restrictions mean that children need to stay at home. We would like to outline the plans that we have for the different scenarios that may occur and answer some frequently asked questions.

What if my child is ill but has NO Coronavirus symptoms?

If your child is ill, and not well enough to be in school, you must follow the usual attendance procedure: inform school by 9:30 am on the first day of absence and your child should only return to school once they are well enough to do so.

What if my child has Coronavirus symptoms?

If your child has one of the three main symptoms (new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste and/or smell) then you must keep your child at home, inform school and arrange for a test. If during this period of time you feel that your child is well enough to access home learning, work will be provided for them. However, if your child is poorly with these symptoms, they do not need to complete work.

What if I have been contacted through Track and Trace and have to self isolate for 14 days?

Please inform school if this happens and remote learning will be put in place for your child, to ensure that their education can continue at home and work can be uploaded for their teacher/s to feed back on.

What happens if a whole bubble has to self-isolate?

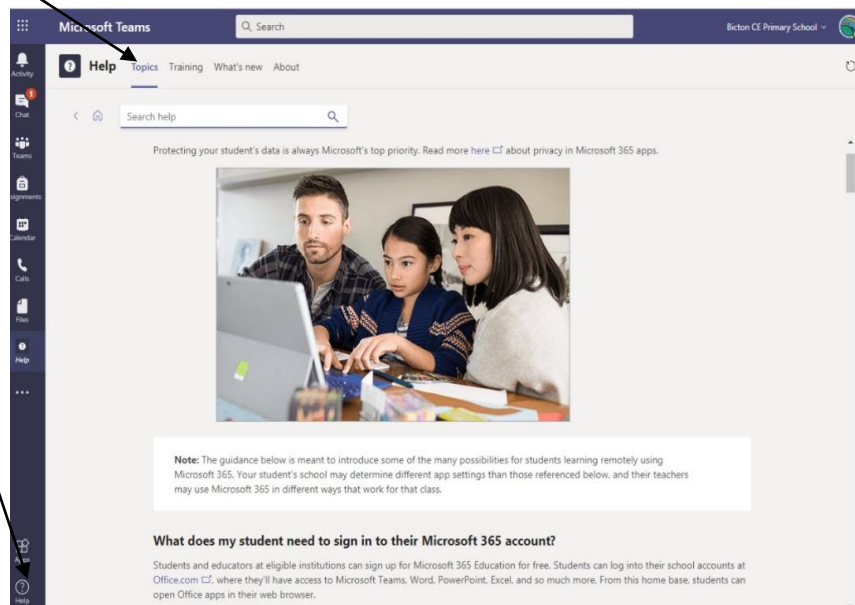
Home learning will be provided for the children involved via **Microsoft Teams** (Tapestry for children in Willow.) Suggested activities for Nursery children will also be provided. Teachers will upload written, audio or video instructions to explain tasks where appropriate / necessary to do so.

We will be asking that children send their work back to school each day so that their teacher can check the learning and provide feedback as necessary. Children in Oak, Maple and Rowan have practised logging into Microsoft Teams in school and have been given their log in details. The log in details for children in Hazel have been stuck into their reading record books.

Children will be set **Assignments** on Microsoft Teams, which will appear in their pupil account. If you have trouble accessing these, please send a message to the class teacher via the **Posts** tab.

For more information on how to use Microsoft Teams, there is lots of information, including videos, available within Teams. In today's 'Weekly News' email, there is a copy of this letter which contains a direct link to [Guidance for Families](#).

Go to 'Help', then 'Topics' then click on [Guidance for Families](#).



Teachers can also be contacted on their school emails but these should only be queries related to learning and the first point of contact for other communication should always be the school office. Teacher emails are shown on the following page.

Home learning provided should last for the duration of a normal school day. It's important that your child engages with home learning and keeps to any daily timetables suggested by their teacher/s. This will ensure their education is not interrupted and will keep things as normal as possible for them.

Opportunities to get together to do live group sessions and story sessions may also be provided and there will be an expectation that all children will log in and access the work / activities set. You will be able to request paper copies of the tasks set, if you do not have internet access.

Teachers will keep in regular contact with children to ensure they are keeping up with the school work and provide any additional support they need. Please make sure that your email address and phone number are up-to-date, in case we need to contact you, and keep an eye out for communications from school.

Most importantly, please do not panic as we will work closely with you.

What will you need at home?

Thank you for completing the recent online survey about access to devices at home. If you did not complete it, and your child does not have access to a device that can access the internet, please let us know as soon as possible. We will try to loan devices to children to use at home while they are self-isolating.

Children will need the following:

- Laptop / desktop computer (PC) / tablet.
- Paper / notebook and pens or pencils – if requested, we can provide these.
- If possible, a quiet space where they can work without interruption.

We will do everything we can to support you and your child in the event of them having to self-isolate and learn from home.

What can you do to help?

We fully appreciate that, if this situation arises, it may present some challenges for you. We ask for your support so that we can continue to provide high-quality education for your child during this time and we want to work in partnership with you.

Younger children in particular may need support in accessing online materials and staying focused with their remote learning. We ask that you help them as much as you can.

At the same time, we don't expect you to watch your child all day, and we wouldn't expect parents / carers to get involved in remote lessons in place of our teachers. Nevertheless, it would be really helpful if you could take an active role in your child's learning by asking them about their day and what they've learned.

Our top tips:

- Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day, and to keep to any timetables / routines suggested by their teacher.
- 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 help keep your child active.

Please keep in touch with us and do let us know if you are having any difficulties with remote learning, or if you have any questions. Our children, their safety, their health and their education is the most important thing to us all and, by working together, we will get through this.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs. Johnson and staff

Class	Teacher email	Availability
Acorns (Nursery)	nursery@bicton.shropshire.sch.uk	Email queries should be related to learning and teachers will only respond to emails between 8:45 am and 4:30 pm.
Willow	willow@bicton.shropshire.sch.uk or via Tapestry	
Hazel	hazel@bicton.shropshire.sch.uk	
Maple	maple@bicton.shropshire.sch.uk	
Rowan	rowan@bicton.shropshire.sch.uk	
Oak	oak@bicton.shropshire.sch.uk	Thank you