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Dear Parents/Carers

### **VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

We previously let parents know about the work on our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) which was being undertaken by staff at our training day before the half term break. We are delighted to let you know that the VLE has now been developed so that each week staff can place learning that is taking place in the classroom into the individual year group areas. This way your child can access learning

- if they are isolating for individual family cases;
- because of a year group bubble closure;
- if they wish to revisit the learning of the day (post teaching) or before the lesson (pre-teaching).

As a school we have a duty to provide quality teaching to all pupils, whether this is in school, or online, via our Virtual Learning Environment, accessible from your home.

Due to the very positive feedback we gained regarding the virtual offer during the initial stages of lockdown, we would like to inform you that this style of learning will be made accessible from today. In addition live teaching elements and feedback will also be provided for pupils isolating due to a year group bubble closure. This sits in line with the latest guidance from the DFE, in terms of providing blended learning opportunities for all pupils, offering a varied diet of live teaching, pre-recorded teaching and independent learning via PowerPoints. The PowerPoints will be accessible via our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) at all times, regardless of whether there is a bubble closure or not.

#### **For pupils who have to isolate for individual family cases:-**

- Pupils will access their learning for the week via the VLE.
- Weekly feedback will be provided in this instance, by use of text, email or phone call from your child's class teacher.

#### **For pupils who have to isolate because of a year group bubble closure:-**

- Pupils will access their learning for the week via the VLE.
- Invitations will be sent via email to attend any 'live teaching' Zoom meetings.
- Daily feedback will be provided in this instance, by use of text, email or phone call from your child's class teacher, as well as daily feedback sessions via Zoom, as part of the 'live teaching' element.

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**For pupils wishing to revisit the learning of the day (post teaching) and before the lesson (pre-teaching):-**

- Pupils will access their learning via the VLE.  
This will allow all pupils to access the learning again after the lesson, or before the lesson, to provide the additional element of 'pre' and 'post' teaching. A week's worth of work will be available at all times, enhancing our 'Recovery Curriculum' offer. This is a great way to embed learning concepts as research shows retrieval practice improves outcomes for all learners.

Please find below details about how you can access the VLE as well as your child's homework.

**Accessing your child's learning**

In order to access the VLE and your child's homework please go to the Richmond Hill Primary Academy website:-

- <https://www.richmond.doncaster.sch.uk>
- Click on the 'Classes & Home Learning' tab and then click on the appropriate year group tab.
- **VLE – Password Protected** - You will need to type in your allocated password to this protected area of the website, which will be sent to you via a text message shortly. In order to access the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) where you will find your child's learning for the week, please click on the blue 'Virtual Learning Environment' tab. You will find a weekly template, with the lesson outlined and associated PowerPoint links made available. Click on the PowerPoint link to access the learning. If your child's bubble is at home isolating, you will be informed of the times of the Zoom meetings to access the live teaching elements. The Zoom invitations will be sent via email.
- **HOME LEARNING – Password Protected** - You will need to type in your allocated password to this protected area of the website, which will be sent to you via a text message shortly. In order to access your child's homework for the rest of the academic year, click on the blue 'Home Learning' tab. This page will be regularly updated for your child to access their homework.

Many thanks to all the staff who have provided training and developed their areas on the website to provide this excellent provision for our pupils.

We hope you find this information useful and thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards



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