

Shotley Bridge Primary School

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Y1 Remote Learning.

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Dear Y1 Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your patience during the first two days of Year 1 being sent home. We hope Y1 children have been enjoying the work set on Education City and the Bonfire Night activities too. During this period of year-group closure it is important that Year 1 children do access the learning provided by their teachers. If they do this then their education will be able to continue as well as is possible in these circumstances. Remember, this only for two weeks before the year-group is able to return to school. This is not the same as the lockdown in March where there was no end in sight to the closure.

Y1 remote learning from tomorrow 6 11 2020 Your staff are now ready to provide our full offer of home learning. Working from home, they will provide your learning and be available to communicate with you throughout the school day. The school day will start at 9:20 (to log on ready for your 9:30 meeting) and end at 3:00.

Each day please get ready for school as normal, have your breakfast, dress in your school uniform and be ready to go for 9:20. If you are ready earlier then read or draw or do any learning activity.

At 9:30 each day, your Y1 class teacher or a member of SBPS staff will speak to you all in a **Microsoft Teams meeting**. You will need to download Microsoft Teams onto the device your child will use to access their learning. This device should ideally be a PC, a laptop/chromebook or a tablet. It can be on a smartphone but obviously the screen will be smaller than on more work-oriented devices. Ideally download through Google Chrome. If your device has a camera and this is enabled then your teacher will be able to see you. If no camera is enabled then the teacher will still see an icon indicating you are there. You will all be able to see your teacher and your friends whose devices have cameras.

Once you have downloaded/installed Microsoft Teams, use the log-in details that you will be sent by Y1 staff to access your child's account. Please practice this today before the meeting tomorrow. At 9:20 please log in to your Teams account. An invite will be there for you to click on to access your daily Teams meeting. Your teacher will appear at 9:30.

Your teacher will control your microphones so you can hear her clearly without lots of background noise and feedback. Your teacher may allow your child/you to chat to her by unmuting your microphone. Your teacher will choose if/when he/she feels this will be manageable.

During the meeting your teacher will talk to you about your child's day's learning. In subsequent morning meetings your teacher will be able to give feedback on the previous day's learning.

Once your teacher closes the meeting the 'chat' messaging feature will be enabled. Parents/carers can use this throughout the working day to message your teacher. SBPS staff will endeavour to respond throughout the day.

At app. 10:00 your child can begin to do their day's learning. We will use Microsoft Teams to hold our face-to-face meetings and for ongoing chat but we have decided to use **Seesaw** as our platform for sharing learning activities. Seesaw is the simplest platform for children to use to access learning and to upload what they do, for their teacher to see. Children's peers will not be able to see what is uploaded by peers. Children will only see what their teacher uploads and their own personal uploads to their teacher. Seesaw <http://seesaw.me> is a secure online journal where students can document and reflect on what they are learning and your child will be able to add the things we work on (including photos, videos, worksheets, drawings and voice recordings) to their Seesaw journal. In order for your child to use Seesaw, the app needs your child's name in order to be able to associate work like their photos, videos or voice recordings with their account. Seesaw only uses this information to provide the service and doesn't advertise in Seesaw, create profiles of students, or share or sell your child's personal information or journal content. It only adds their name to the teachers' class list. You can read more about their strong privacy promises here: <https://web.seesaw.me/privacy>. To read a little more about Seesaw <http://seesaw.me> Below, you will find a link to a video by Mr P ICT who will explain just what Seesaw is and how to get set up and use it effectively at home. You will see that it is very simple and after a little bit of practice the children will have no problems using this. <https://youtu.be/W9FyB1SCbeM>

At app. 12:00 take a lunch break.

At 1:00 begin your afternoon learning and make sure you are finished at 3:00.

At 3:00 tidy up, take off your uniform and enjoy your time off.

Shortly, your class teacher will send you a document with all of your login details for Teams, Seesaw and your other learning areas. Please have a practice. This is new for all of us and we will get better every day.

If you do not have the means to access learning remotely then please contact school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Bell