



**'All Moving Forward
Together'**

7th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised, I would now like to provide you with a little more information about our remote learning provision and how we can support one another during this period of school closure.

Firstly, I would like to thank each and every member of our Northfield family for your amazing support and patience as we all work to try and make sense of everything that has happened this week. The sudden closure of schools will have caused much confusion and upset for families, and especially our children who were all geared up for returning to school. The most important thing you must all do right now is to look after yourselves and families, not put any additional pressure on yourselves. It is important that you do what works for your family circumstances. We are always here and will do everything we can to help at this difficult time.

Google Classroom Learning Resources

As you are aware we will be providing daily learning resources and activities for all children using Google Classroom. Any children attending will also be accessing this on the days they are in school. Once the children are logged in they should be able to work through most activities with less supervision needed than the home learning provided during the last closure. These do not need to be completed at set times and can be accessed when it is convenient for you and your family's particular circumstances.

Here are a few things we thought would be helpful to know when using the system:

- Google Classroom can be accessed on a computer, tablet, phone or any device with internet access. This includes a PlayStation or Xbox. New information is coming into school regarding access to devices and internet connection. We have not yet been given the finer details for this but will contact you once we know more.
- Learning 'assignments' will be set for each day and will typically include English, Maths, Phonics/Spellings and something linked to the wider curriculum. These are accessed by clicking on the 'Classwork' tab at either the top or bottom of the screen depending on the device being used.
- Some assignments will have a worksheet or activity to complete which can be uploaded. The simplest way to do this is to take a photograph. There is no expectation that something is uploaded for every activity but it is nice for us to see what the children have been doing.
- Once an activity has been completed please click the 'Mark as done' button which will help staff know how children are progressing through the work set.
- On each assignment there is the facility to send 'Private comments' to the teachers. This can be used to send a message about how your child got on with the activity or ask any questions about that task, although there is no expectation that this is done for every one.
- Teachers will also send some messages in response to work completed, however this will not be for every task completed.
- The home page for the class has a 'Stream' which will have regular messages and notices from teachers to children and parents.

This is a new system for our school and I am sure there will be a few teething problems for you and us, so please bear with us if this should happen. Again please do not worry or feel pressured to complete everything each day, just do what you can when you can.

There will also be some paper based packs available for collection at the school office and we will text out when new packs are available.

Communication

It is important that we continue to keep in touch with you all as much as possible and, as ever, we are here to help you as much as we can. Please see below the different ways we will be able to keep in contact with each other:

- For any questions or queries linked to remote learning please use the following email addresses to contact teachers directly.
 - foundation@nischool.co.uk
 - Year1@nischool.co.uk
 - Year2@nischool.co.uk

As teachers are also working with some children in school responses may not be immediate but they will get back to you as soon as they can during usual school hours. Please also note that it may not be your child's own class teacher that replies to you as staff are working in year group teams.

- For general school enquiries and support please contact the school office at northfield@eastriding.gov.uk or by telephone on 01377 257487.
- Staff will also keep in touch via telephone calls, just to have a chat and see if there is anything we can help you with.

Free School Meals Provision

Since the announcement of school closures we are yet to receive detailed information regarding Free School Meal provision. We are working hard to find out more and will contact those eligible for support as soon as this is finalised. Hopefully this will be early next week.

The closure of schools is very upsetting and is something I certainly hoped we could avoid. However, if we all follow the government restrictions and continue to keep each other safe, hopefully we will all be back together again soon.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything we can do to support you and your family and thank you once again for all your support.

Stay safe!

Yours sincerely

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