

21 January 2021

Dear Parents,

## Home Learning Updates and Information

### Wellbeing and community – Catch Up meetings

As part of our remote learning we will be offering pupils the opportunity to participate in a live meeting, with their class teacher, where the focus will be on wellbeing, togetherness and community.

Our aim is for every child to be invited to one of these sessions every week while remote learning is taking place. This may occur in small groups, as a whole class or even as a year group depending on the age of your child.

There will be a focus for each of these sessions whether that be a class quiz, story time or a wellbeing theme (e.g. things that make you happy).

Whilst attendance at these sessions is voluntary, we would strongly advise that pupils attend them where possible. We feel this will support pupil wellbeing by helping them to feel connected to and part of the school community whilst learning from home.

### Supporting pupils in accessing live meetings

Below are some suggestions for how pupils can be supported to join live meetings.

- Meeting details can be found on the general 'Posts' tab within each Team.
- Meeting details may also be shared within assignments.
- Children should access a meeting by clicking the link provided.
- Let others in the home know when a video call is going to happen.
- Calls work best if everybody is ready to take them: Sat down in one place is best.

Further information about Portswood Primary School's remote education provision can be found on the school's website or by following the link below:

[Remote education provision: information for parents](#)

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## Celebration Assembly

In addition to this, it is our intention to continue to produce a weekly Home Learning Celebration Assembly, which will be shared via the school's YouTube channel. These assemblies will feature examples of pupils' home learning efforts, Star of the Week awards for home learning as well as updates on the latest house point totals. The link will for these assemblies will be sent at the beginning of each school week.

## Attaching work to assignments and returning pupil work

Some of you may have been finding it challenging to attach pupil work to an assignment and return it to your child's class teacher.

Below is a link to a short video that shows how work can be attached.

<https://youtu.be/ynuh0r5okGo>

You can also send photographs of work via the class email address. Many smart phones have a scanning feature included in their apps (such as 'scan documents' within notes on the iPhone or the 'scan' feature in Samsung Galaxy cameras). Using these may help to send clear images of written work back to your child's teachers.

Thank you for your continued support in these unusual times.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.  
Yours sincerely,

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Vice Principal