Parent Guidance for Home Learning

The government have decided that schools need to remain closed during the Covid-19 situation in order to keep people safe and save lives. As a school, our community is very important to us. We want to do as much as we can to support you and your families and keep our pupils safe and keep them engaged with their learning. Please see our school website for online safety guidance.

Expectations

We expect all pupils from Reception to Year 6 to access the learning activities provided by their teachers on a daily basis:

Numbots (Reception and KS1)

Teach Your Monster To Read (Reception and KS1)

Tapestry (Reception)

Times Tables Rock Stars (Year 1-Year 6)

https://ttrockstars.com

Seesaw

You can download this as an app. or access through a web browser.
Pupils log in using their assigned code.

Work will be set for the children to complete.

Prior to the school closure, the children/you were familiar with using one of more of the following: Tapestry, TTRS, Teach Your Monster To Read and Numbots. Teachers will continue to assign work on these platforms on a daily basis and check that pupils are accessing the work.

In addition, each day teachers (for years 1 to 6) will allocate a daily timetable of learning activities on Seesaw for your child(ren).

WHAT IS SEESAW?

We have explored different ways for children to learn from home and found an app called SEESAW that is very popular with teachers, parents and children:

- Teachers can set work easily for pupils
- Pupils can upload their work for their teachers to see more easily
- Pupils can ask their teachers questions about their work
- Teachers can feedback to pupils about their learning.
- Teachers can easily make sure work is suitable for the different needs in their class.
- Teachers can track which work has or hasn't been completed by each child.

We are sure this personal communication between your child and their teacher will make their learning a lot more fun and meaningful.

HOW DO I LOG IN?

Seesaw is an app that you can download on to a phone, tablet or laptop (through your app store) or you can use the website. https://web.seesaw.me/.

You will receive a text from the school with your child's login details that they can use. Try logging in so your child is familiar with the app.

If you have any questions, please email your child's year group. There is also a specific video to introduce Seesaw to families here: https://web.seesaw.me/platforms-parents

WHAT WILL MY CHILD NEED TO DO EACH DAY?

Your child's class teacher will make sure there is an activity for reading, writing and maths each day as well as a session for Topic, PE or Wellbeing.

This might be a video, picture, link, audio recording or text. Your child will be expected to complete this and upload their work for their teacher to see.

Please note: your child's teacher will comment on learning responses when they are available during the hours of 9:00am-3:00pm Monday-Friday. Please supervise your children to ensure that their responses are respectful and appropriate.

Example daily timetable:

9:00-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:30-11:00	11:00-12:00	12:00-1:00	1:00-3:00
Reading or phonics activity set by your teacher on Seesaw	Writing/spelling activity set by your teacher on Seesaw	Break/snack time	Maths activity set by teacher on Seesaw. This can be supported by TTRockstars or Numbots.	Lunch break	Topic/PE/Mindfulness activity and story time.

WHAT IF I HAVE AN ISSUE OR A QUESTION?

You can either contact a teacher directly through the online learning platform or email your child's year group:

ILM.EYFS@E-ACT.org.uk
ILM.Year1@E-ACT.org.uk
ILM.Year2@E-ACT.org.uk
ILM.Year3@E-ACT.org.uk
ILM.Year4@E-ACT.org.uk
ILM.Year5@E-ACT.org.uk
ILM.Year6@E-ACT.org.uk
ILM.SEN@E-ACT.org.uk
ILM.Thrive@E-ACT.org.uk

WHAT ABOUT FACEBOOK?

We will still use Facebook to let you know about any celebration events, reminders or other information you need to know. However, we will no longer use it to post work for pupils. Work will only be posted on the Seesaw app so please get in touch if you have any problems logging in.

As ever, we will keep you informed about any changes as soon as we know. All the staff at Ilminster Avenue miss your children very much and hope it isn't too long before we are all together again.

HOW CAN WE MAKE SURE OUR CHILDREN ARE SAFE ONLINE?

The safety of our children remains our top priority, particularly when they are vulnerable to online content. They have been taught how to use the internet safely in school, but will need reminders to access online learning responsibly.

Children often respond well when you take an interest in their online activity in a non-judgemental way. It might be worth asking these questions:

- "These apps look great. What do they do? Which other ones do you use?"
- "It's nice to see you talking to your friends. Which apps do you use to chat to them? Which friend is this? Do you know that you can talk to me if you feel unsafe or upset?"
- "YouTube is a wonderful place to learn information. What should you do if you see something you don't like or inappropriate?"

Seesaw has several important measures in place in order to keep children safe online. However, some apps are more open to public use:

YouTube

YouTube might show inappropriate adverts, especially if your child is signed in using an adult's account. The best approach is to teach your child to walk away from the screen if they see something they don't like and find a trusted adult. There are some tips to limit this exposure at Common Sense Media: https://www.commonsensemedia.org/youtube/should-i-be-concerned-about-the-ads-my-kid-sees-on-youtube.
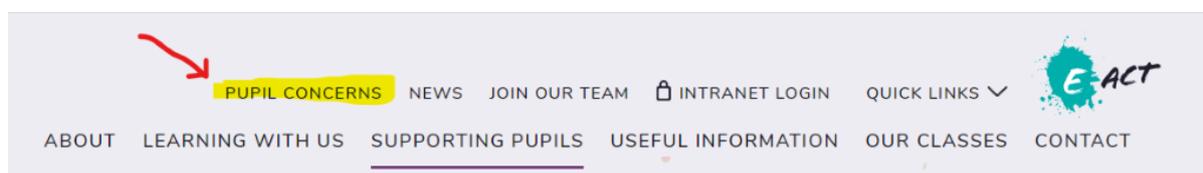
TikTok

TikTok is rated 13+. If you choose allow your child to use TikTok, please look at enabling Family Safety Mode. There are some instructions at https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/

Concerned about an app?

You can search on NetAware to find out whether an app is appropriate for your child and understand any dangers. https://www.net-aware.org.uk/

Reporting an online safety concern

If you have any concerns about the safety of any child, please contact us using the 'Pupil Concerns' link at the top of our website.

WHAT IF WE CAN'T LEARN ONLINE?

If you find it difficult to support your child to complete the learning online, please contact your child's teacher using the response function on Seesaw, the year group email address or the number listed above. We may be able to print a paper learning pack for you to collect from school.

E-SAFETY

At school we encourage our children to be SMART:

S- **Stay Safe.** Keep safe by never sharing any personal or private information.

M- **Meet.** Never agree to meet someone online.

A- **Accepting Files or Messages.** Never accept a file or message from someone you don't know!

R- **Reliable.** Sometimes people don't tell the truth online. They could be lying about who they are. T-
Tell. Tell someone (a trusted adult) if you feel worried or upset by something online.

Below are some useful websites for parents to support E-safety at home:

To set up parental controls on your home computers and mobiles then please see this website for advice:	https://www.childnet.com/resources/pare ntal-controls
For all the latest on new platforms that students are using such as snapchat, particularly on mobile devices, then please visit:	https://www.childnet.com/resources/pare ntal-controls
If you are worried about online sexual abuse then please contact both the Academy and CEOP:	https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/
The UK Safer Internet Centre also has some useful information and can be accessed on:	https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/saferinternet-day/safer-internet-day2019/education-packs/activities-parentsand-carers
O2 and the NSPCC have come together to offer some really helpful advice on internet safety and the address is listed:	https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc
Some useful advice for parents/carers on internet safety:	https://www.internetmatters.org/schoolsesafety/parent-online-support-pack-teachers/
Further advice for parents/carers and activities for children on internet safety:	https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/