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Dear Parents/Carer(s),

We are writing to you to explain how we plan to support your child(ren) during the school closure. As well as the home-learning packs, we will use an online platform to provide additional learning for our pupils. Sheep class will continue to use Tapestry. Whales and Lions will use Google Classroom. These platforms provide a safe way for us to connect, share, and receive class information. Further information is attached at the end of this letter to explain how to access Google Classroom.

#### Sheep Class

Children in Sheep class will use the home-learning packs sent home last term. ***If you do not have the pack, please contact the school office and we will arrange for a pack to be delivered/collected at school. (An outline of the pack is already on the school website on the Sheep Class page, entitled '2 Week Remote Learning' - it's just the worksheets for Phonics and maths that aren't on there).*** The paper copy of the packs sent home include all worksheets required for activities.

It will be expected that children complete Maths and Phonics/English activities daily, plus some foundation subjects during the week, totaling around 1½ hours of work time every day (with work spaced out over the day as children this young find it difficult to focus for longer stretches of time). The foundation subject lessons can be done on any day or in any order, but it's better for maths and English/Phonics to be done in the sequence set out. Maths and English/Phonics activities are differentiated to suit children's abilities ( 'Challenge by Choice'). Bronze activities are the easier ones, moving on to Silver and then Gold (more challenging). Younger or less confident children may need support from an adult, but some more confident children will be able to do the activities independently (especially if instructions are read out to them). If children are interested in completing some of the other activities, they are welcome to try, but this is not necessary. Just help your child to choose activities they think they can do!

The maths and phonics/English work in the pack consists of recapping and revision of learning already completed in school. The concept of recapping helps cement children's understanding in their long-term memory, so the work children complete in this time away from school will really benefit them. I will be sending out (and adding to the Sheep page on the website) an *updated* Foundation subject sheet to include more of the topics we covered in the Autumn term, but in the meantime do feel free to use what is on the current document within the pack. If, as time passes, and children are away from school for a longer period, I will be providing further learning materials.

It would be fantastic if you could share with us any of the work children have completed using the Tapestry app. I know the majority of parents already have access and use the app to see their children's activities in school, but ***if you are unable to log on (or have not yet activated your account) please contact me and I will re-send the activation email.*** Your child's work will receive an encouraging comment from myself and this will help make the learning more 'real' for the children.

I also plan to record some videos, which I will add to Tapestry for all the children to watch. These will probably be related to phonics and/or a story telling session. Your app should notify you when a new video is posted.

In addition, I will be scheduling a Zoom meet-up with the class for some fun games and activities. The details of this will be sent to you via email, and/or on Tapestry.

It is really important in these times that lines of communication between teachers, parents and children are kept open, so please do feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or questions about children's learning. I have set up a new email address for the class (to be used only for learning-based questions), which is: **sheep1@myneps.school**. I will do my best to read and respond to these emails as quickly as possible, but only during my school hours (**9am-3pm Monday to Thursday**).

Any general queries must be directed to **office@northelmham.norfolk.sch.uk**.

I will also soon be making phone calls to all families in Sheep class to touch base with you all and check that you have the learning materials needed.

### Whales Class

Children in Whales class will use the home-learning packs sent home last half term. ***If you do not have the pack, please contact the school office and we will arrange for a pack to be delivered/collected at school. (The outline is available on the Whales Class homepage on the website, titled '2 Week Remote Learning')***. The physical packs include the worksheets required for activities. There

were also additional workbooks provided, but work can be completed in any format that best supports your home circumstances.

It will be expected that children complete Maths and Phonics/English sessions daily, plus some foundation subjects during the week, totaling around 1½ -2 hours of work time every day.

The Maths follows the 'Challenge By Choice' we use in school. Bronze activities tend to support the Year 2 learning objectives, Silver is differentiated to support Year 2 or 3/4 learning and Gold supports the Year 3/4 learning (more challenging), If children are confident with Gold they can move on to Platinum.

The foundation subject lessons can be completed on any day or in any order, but it's better for Maths and English/Phonics to be completed in the sequence set out.

Please note, this pack is mainly to consolidate learning from Autumn Term. Less confident children may need support from an adult, but some more confident children should be able to complete the activities independently. It is important that children have opportunities to recap previous learning to cement it in their long-term memory.

Learning will also be added to Whales Google Classroom page. Children are encouraged to complete, upload and share their learning using this platform. It will be great to see your fantastic learning, I will offer any feedback as necessary.

Additionally, I will host a class zoom meeting, it is so important to support children's wellbeing during this time, so we will have a class catch-up and play some games! *Details to access the zoom will be emailed and shared on Google Classroom separately.*

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### Lions Class

Children in Lions Class need to use their home learning pack for TOMORROW ONLY. From Wednesday (6th January) the children will have their work set on Google Classroom. You can use a computer, tablet or mobile phone to access this. Please see further below for logging on details.

A video will be posted on Google Classroom to introduce each lesson, which will be important to watch, as well as the activity or worksheet to go with it. It will be very clear what needs to be sent back to me for each lesson and children will get to see a comment from me each time.

It is expected that children will complete a Maths, English and foundation subject lesson every day, each lasting approximately 1 hour.

I will send a Zoom link shortly so that we can meet as a class and do some fun things together.

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### **Google Classroom**

Google Classroom can be accessed through a free App either on the Apple Store or Google Play on both Apple and Android devices as well as through the internet on laptops or desktops. If accessing on the internet on a laptop or desktop, type in [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com) into the address bar. Children will see a log in screen and will need to enter their username (.....@myneps.school) on the first screen and press 'next' their password needs to be entered on the second screen. **If your child does not know their username or password, please email [office@northelmham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@northelmham.norfolk.sch.uk), these details will then be shared with you.**

There is a class code to access your child's class page - (many of the children have already accessed this, so it should appear automatically, but if not, enter the code below).

**Whales code - d5exasf**

**Lions code - 25gzdet**

The 'stream' which is the front page, is where teachers direct children to learning links and websites and would be the best place for children to explore when they first access their classroom.

On the 'classwork' tab, there may also be assignments, quizzes or questions that are set. Clear instructions will be written to explain how to complete each task. Children don't need to save anything anywhere as Google automatically saves their work as they go in a folder that their teacher can see.

We thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to speaking to you.

Mr Good, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Gkikopoulos