

GHYLLGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

& Resource Base for Hearing Impaired Children



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Remote Learning Update – 8th January 2021

Hello everyone,

We have nearly completed our first week of remote learning and I am really pleased that most pupils have attended at least one of the Google meet sessions and submitted work on Google Classroom.

We appreciate that many of you are having to work from home yourselves, whilst also home schooling your children. You have several children at home who all need help with their learning which means access to devices may not always be easy, particularly if sessions are running at the same time.

We do expect that every child will attend every session but if you have any problems email the school: admin@ghyllgrove.essex.sch.uk or teachers@ghyllgrove.essex.sch.uk and the information will be passed on to the class teacher.

From a welfare and safeguarding point of view if a child does not attend a Google meet or the teacher has not received an explanation for this we will be contacting you. You will also receive a fortnightly welfare call from your child's class teacher.

A register will be taken in each session. Children should be appropriately dressed for Google Meet sessions and they should not have their mobile phones with them during this time.

Year groups will be providing suggested timetables for the remote learning but again we appreciate how busy everyone is and that every individual family has a different schedule, so if you need to adapt, change or use your own timetable this is absolutely fine. This will be on Google Classroom by Sunday evening each week. The daily learning will be uploaded at 7am every day.

Work should be submitted so that the teachers can mark it. When teachers mark the work they also assess whether they need to make any changes to the learning for the following day. They can also identify mistakes that the children are making and address them in the next days Google Meet. This is called Assessment for Learning.

If the whole week's work is uploaded in one submission, for example, on a Friday it is unlikely to be marked.

The online learning is as closely matched to what the children would have been doing in class as possible. The DFE expectation is for at least 1 maths, 1 English and 1 other activity to be provided every day. There is no expectation that every activity has to be printed. Work can be read from the screen, discussed and any answers or writing should be completed in the exercise book that you have been given. If you have filled the exercise book that you have been given you will be able to collect another from the school office but you MUST make an appointment with the office to come in.

We take data security very seriously and will only use the information provided for the purpose of the provision of Ghyllgrove Community Primary School. Data will be stored securely. To view our full data protection policy please see our school website.



We have had to prepare for long term whole school remote learning at very short notice and will make changes and improvements as we go along. We will continue to adapt our remote provision, provide you with daily contact with the teachers whilst also remaining open for all our keyworker and vulnerable children.

Unfortunately, we cannot please everyone all of the time. We have received feedback from parents this week about the learning being too much and some think it is too little! Schools are also under a lot of scrutiny from Government with regards to the quantity and quality of learning we are providing. All of us, including yourselves, can only try our best.

As always, we will continue to respond to your feedback and continue to tweak the remote offer so that it works for the majority.

Thank you all for your continued support and co-operation

Please take care of yourselves and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mrs J Gibbon', written in a cursive style.

Mrs J Gibbon

Headteacher

