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Remote education for pupils at The Bridge School

First and foremost, we welcome and encourage all our pupils to attend school. We know that many of our pupils have very firm ideas about what place they learn in and what place is for family time. We also understand that many of our pupils find it extremely difficult to engage with on-line learning and we understand that helping our pupils focus and engage is really hard for our parents and carers and so being in school is practical and beneficial whenever that is safe and viable.

However, for those who must be at home because of concerns about health issues in the family, or because of outbreaks of COVID in school necessitating partial or total closure, we are providing a remote education programme that we have strived to make as accessible and interesting and of course productive as possible. Our chief aim is to ensure children continue to work towards their EHCP objectives, make progress with communication, literacy and numeracy and develop skills for life.

The programmes we are providing include learning materials that would occupy your child for at least 5 hours a day. Some of that time may be watching carefully selected, short educational videos and pre-recorded on-line lessons, some of it will be live streamed 'check-ins' or lessons (at least daily) with your child's usual teacher and most of the time will be taking part in fully detailed activities covering a wide range of subjects, addressing a wide range of skills. There will also be additional 'fun' activity suggestions for families.

In developing our remote education, our teachers have planned to:

- follow a well-sequenced curriculum so that skills continue to be developed
- provide a personalised programme that is very clear and easy to follow to help you engage your child (see example via the link below).
- in some cases, digital programmes are indicated for part of some days each week.
- we will send 'packs' of materials to all parents at the end of each week for the following week. All parents will be contacted on Mondays by the class staff to ensure the programmes are clear and answer any questions and also to check the success and accessibility of the previous weeks' programmes. Teachers will modify programmes to suit, based on weekly feedback. We will also email the programme outline to parents.

Parents are provided with access to our Learning Journey portal so that they can upload evidence to support their child's progress. In addition, parents are asked to assess each 'lesson' using a simple satisfaction grid.

Teaching staff can be contacted at any time via email or indeed by telephone. The email addresses of all staff are available on the website in the 'Meet the Staff' section. Additional activities and resources are available below, on the website, for parents to dip into at any time.

The Leader of Remote Learning will assess the success of each child's remote programme along with parental satisfaction regularly by means of direct contact with a selection of parents as well as analysing the teacher feedback. Children's progress will be evidenced in the same way as that of children attending school and documented on the school's assessment framework.