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Dear Parents and Carers,

As time moves on, we are reviewing and analysing provision to ensure our remote learning offer remains the best it can be. As we don't have the capability on class dojo to host live sessions, as we are delivering in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 via Showbie, we are going to trial hosting some live sessions via Zoom, for us to be able to engage with our children, catch up on their virtual home learning and allow for some much-needed social interaction with their peers. This is an interim at the moment, until we hopefully begin to use Showbie across Years 1 and 2, when our class iPads arrive.

We know that home learning with young children is extremely difficult, especially if you are working from home, so our aim was to provide independent sessions. We are continuously looking into new ways in which we can provide learning and enhance our teaching at home for the children and to make it easier for all of our families.

Each teacher has thought really carefully about how we can deliver age-appropriate live sessions; with as little disruption to the whole class learning as possible, and so it can fit into the daily timetable around the brilliant virtual learning that is already taking place over class dojo platform. We have REALLY APPRECIATED the very positive feedback received so far. Thank you!

Therefore, we propose that our first session, across Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, will take place on **Monday 25th January**. Many of our children are accessing the learning on class dojo, however we understand the struggle that some parents are having to motivate their child to be as enthusiastic about virtual learning when they have little virtual engagement with the Teaching Teams. We have found some children are struggling to transition between weekends and the working school week. Therefore, we thought that doing a small number of live sessions across the week will benefit us all, as we can check a register, discuss the weather, date, any news and also the learning planned for, over the current or consecutive day.

Here is an outline of how each of the classes will do their live lessons across the week. We have tried to ensure all the classes are consistent but we do understand that some families have children in more than one class, therefore some classes have arranged different times suitable for their learning and Zoom link.

NURSERY			
Session	Time	Who	Content:
Monday	11am	Group 1	Introduce theme, read a story, play a game.
Monday	2pm	Group 2	
Friday	11am	Group 1	Celebrate learning!
Friday	2pm	Group 2	
<p>What next...</p> <p>Mrs Cunningham will be in touch with you via dojo to let you know which group your child will be in for their live session. The groups are to allow for more direct conversation with the younger children.</p>			

RECEPTION			
Session	Time	Who	Content:
Monday	10am	Group 1	Staff may introduce themes, class learning, exciting news, share a story or play a game. Fridays will also include an element of celebrating learning.
Monday	2pm	Group 2	
Friday	10am	Group 1	
Friday	2pm	Group 2	
<p>What next...</p> <p>Mrs Fisher will be in touch with you directly to let you know which group your child will be in for their live session. The groups are to allow for more direct conversation with the younger children.</p>			

YEAR 1			
Session	Time	Who	Content:
Monday	9.30	Whole class	<p>Morning session (after Joe Wicks)</p> <p>We will discuss the week, complete a live register, look at the weather, do the date and catch up on any news.</p> <p>Afternoon sessions</p> <p>We will share your 1'o clock book (this will also be available as a pre-recording on class story)</p> <p>a whole class zoom call to allow children to see all of their friends and have a catch up as we understand many of the children have not had any contact with their friends. we understand this is an essential element of face-to-face school life.</p>
Monday	1pm	Whole class	
Tuesday	9.30am	Group 1	
Tuesday	1pm	Group 1	
Wednesday	9.30am	Group 2	
Wednesday	1pm	Group 2	
Thursday	9.30am	Group 1	
Thursday	1pm	Group 1	
Friday	9.30am	Group 2	
Friday	1pm	Whole class	
Friday	1pm	Whole class	
<p>What next...</p> <p>Miss Savage will be in touch with you directly to let you know which group your child will be in for their live sessions.</p>			

YEAR 2			
Session	Time	Who	Content:
Monday	9.30am	Whole class	Morning session (after Joe Wicks) The register will be taken live and the class will discuss any news, weather, share any themes, stories and also outline the current or consecutive day of learning
Wednesday	9.30am	Whole class	
Friday	9.30am	Whole class	
Friday	9.30am	Whole class	a whole class zoom call to allow children to see all of their friends and have a catch up as we understand many of the children have not had any contact with their friends. we understand this is an essential element of face-to-face school life.
<p>Extra information:</p> <p>Class book (10'clock read) will still be recorded to allow children to access this learning repeatedly over the week if they need to refer to the story for their comprehension or viper questions.</p> <p>The sessions will be run whole class as the children are slightly older and they can begin learning how to contribute to whole class virtual learning as a practise for when the class iPads arrive and we use move to Showbie as our learning platform.</p>			

Staff are very much looking forward to completing all of these live sessions as they will get to see the children over the week. We are going to be completing these sessions whilst in school with our Hub children to ensure we have all tools for learning and so the children can still see that the Hub children are in school and recognise that the learning is still important at home.

Code of conduct

We understand that it will be a really exciting time for the children to see their friends and teachers, but we ask that you remind them to please remember to show their fantastic manners and respect everyone at all times. It is important to listen to their friends and allow everyone to have a turn to talk. We will share a code of conduct over time but this will help as they become more familiar with these platforms and this way of working.

To protect and safeguard our children we also ask if they could do these live sessions in communal areas in the family home (not closed away in a bedroom) and if they can be dressed (not wearing pyjamas).

We will be posting the zoom link directly to you via your class story once they have been set up for the live session. If your child has been split into a group, your class teacher will let you know which group they are to attend. More information will be posted on your class school story page for you to refer back to. Please can we ask that you check that regularly.

We understand that this may be an extra job for many of you to get going but we thank you for all of your continued support, encouragement and involvement during these difficult times as we all try and engage and teach the children the best we possibly can.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please speak directly to your class teacher and they will do all they can to help and assist as we move on with our Bransty School remote learning offer.

Kindest regards



Joanne Fearon
Head Teacher