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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare for school closure, we have been busily working on ways to ensure that your child's education remains as uninterrupted as possible. We are in the very fortunate position of being able to still communicate and send work out to pupils via their Chromebooks. I am sure that you will agree this is an excellent resource and facility.

In order to provide some continuity, familiarity and advice for pupils we have now agreed the following routines for providing work during the period of school closure:

- Teachers will prepare a Maths, English and a 'Topic' lesson each day and this will be forwarded to your child(ren) via Google Classroom. This will generally take the form of a video input and demonstration followed by a task for pupils to complete. Teachers will provide feedback on these tasks once completed.
- Teachers will be available daily between 11am - 12pm, using a shared document/chat/live video for children to ask questions and receive further instruction.
- Teachers will continue to set weekly spellings using Spelling City; Maths homework using Mathletics and Manga High; and times table work using TTRockstars.
- Our cover staff will also be setting weekly French, Music and Computing tasks.
- Teaching assistants are currently working on ways to support intervention work which some children currently receive.

We would recommend that your children do school work as part of a daily routine as this will help them to deal with the uncertainty of the coming weeks. Currently, children's school day consists of: 09:00 - 10:20 Maths; 10:35 - 12:00 English; 13:00 - 13:30 Reading; 13:45 - 15:30 Topic work (History, Science, PE etc.)

This is only a guide and we would obviously recommend plenty of breaks, especially as children may be exposed to more screen time than normal. Please try to provide children with plenty of other activities such as art, cooking, gardening and physical activity.

The biggest contributor to your child's education - be it in school or at home - is expectation. Please stress to your children that **the work set is still compulsory** and please make sure they are working at their best, without distraction. This is a great opportunity for you to share their work and provide some support. Teachers will be monitoring work and will contact home if they have concerns.

As we have no idea how long the current situation will last for, there may well be a need to adapt and make changes to this provision. Be assured, however, that we will be doing our best to provide the best education that we possibly can. As you can see from the effort we are putting in, whilst school may be closed to the majority of children, teachers and school staff will still be working very hard.

If there are any technical issues during this time, please either call school or email us at admin@filey-jun.n-yorks.sch.uk



Thank you for your support at this difficult time and we wish you all well. Hopefully we will all be back together soon.

