**Remote Education Provision at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School: Information for Parents and Carers**

Whilst our school prioritised attendance and aims to work with families to ensure their child can regularly attend nursery, the Department for Education (Providing remote rducation: guidance for schools Aug 2024) identified two circumstances where this may not be possible. These are

* school closure or restrictions on attendance, where access to school is restricted for pupils
* Individual cases where pupils are not able to attend school but are able to learn

The information below if intended to provide clarity and transparency for parents and carers about what to expect from our remote education offer. A range of home learning activities are available on the school website in addition to a number of suggested activities posted weekly on Tapestry. These weekly activities link to the half termly Big Question and are accessible to all families.

Home Learning Opportunities and Experiences

We will ensure that, if your child is not attending nursery, we will provide you with home learning opportunities and experiences which you can share with your child each day.

How long can I expect activities set by nursery to take my child each day?

We would like you to share the activities that we post with your child for around one hour per day and feel that, due to your child being very young, they will benefit from play and experiences being repeated and revisited. This will enable them to build confidence and further develop their skills. The activities suggested do not need to be carried out for a full hour but can be offered to your child for shorter intervals. Staff members may also post links to useful websites which you can explore at home and which will provide you with further ideas for play and learning experiences.

We would also suggest that you also engage your child in a range of physical play experiences both indoors and outdoors each day. It is recommended that young children are active for three hours per day so please try and go for a walk or visit the park whenever you can.

How will I access activities set by nursery?

These will be shared with you via Tapestry so please ensure that you log in each day to view the tasks that have been posted by your child’s teacher and/or keyworker. If you experience any difficulties with accessing Tapestry, please contact nursery and we will support you with this.

What can I do if I don’t have online access?

It is possible to access Tapestry via the Tapestry App on a mobile phone with internet access. You will not need to use a laptop or PC. However, if you do not have a mobile phone or alternative access via a tablet or iPad, we are able to print out your child’s learning opportunities and post these to you weekly. Please contact us if you would like a paper copy sending to you.

When should I complete home learning activities with my child?

We would recommend that you engage your child in home learning activities daily and that you establish a routine which is similar each day, e.g. if your child usually attends during the morning session, it may be best to engage in the daily activities set during the morning, at the time when they are used to learning at nursery. However, we fully appreciate that you may have other children at home and this may not always be possible. If this is the case, please share the activities at a time that works best for you.

Engagement and Feedback

We would very much like you to let us know how home learning is going for you and your child. It would be lovely if you could share comments, photographs and videos with us via Tapestry to keep us updated. This will also enable us to answer any queries that you have, provide feedback and also make suggestions in relation to further extending play and learning for your child. If you have had learning opportunities posted to you, we are happy to have telephone conversations with you to discuss how home learning is going, to answer any questions that you may have or to provide further guidance and support as needed.

Additional Information

If your child has an EHCP, staff will ensure that the home learning shared with you relates to the Outcomes stated in their Plan. These will also link to their individual Personal Plan Targets.