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Dear Parents,

“Alone we can do so little, together we can achieve so much”

- Helen Keller

Pownall is a wonderful community where kindnesses abound and all truly care for one another. Our beautiful school community has never needed us to stand up, help one another and work together more than it does now.

In light of the current circumstances with regard to the COVID-19 virus, and should school move to remote teaching and learning, our current approach to Teaching and Learning at Pownall Hall School would be through online learning platforms and applications (Google Classroom and Tapestry). Edmodo will be used if Google Classroom, for whatever reason, becomes inaccessible due to over-usage, as happened for Microsoft Teams recently.

Google Classroom

For children in Years 1 - 6, remote learning will be delivered via the Google Classroom platform. The excellent, educational platform will allow our children to access the curriculum through the very best resources available and mediums such as videos, website links, assignments, question and answer streams. They can submit/upload their work and receive complete feedback. These will be managed and monitored by our teachers to ensure academic progress and pastoral welfare remain of the highest quality. The children will be continually assessed by the work they submit, enabling teaching staff to continue to utilise our excellent online assessment system: Classroom Monitor. Where the children need extra help (a revisiting of a topic or any intervention) the teachers and TAs will ensure this occurs. Marking will be thorough and our rewards system will remain in place (ClassDojo, +3s, Headmaster's Awards, Golden Leaves etc) for both work and pastoral kindnesses to fellow pupils.

This week in school, children are being introduced to Google Classroom and they have used it in their lessons to ensure they can access, navigate and utilise the forum efficiently and effectively.

Tapestry

For children in Nursery - Reception, remote learning will be delivered via Tapestry, which our Pownall parents are familiar with already. Tapestry builds a very special record of a child's experiences, development and learning journey through their early years and primary education. EYFS Teachers will communicate activities via this platform.

The communication between staff and parents via Tapestry will continue to enable a shared understanding of how every child can reach their full potential and allow parents to capture key learning moments, and videoing milestones are even easier. Please see the attached document in respect of our nursery, KG and reception teaching and learning provision.

Attached to this email, you will find the following documents:

- Pupil Rules for Home Learning' document which provides rules and guidelines, outlining the parameters by which all children are expected to adhere to, in order to engage safely online
- A list of simple instructions for children/parents to follow to learn how to use Google Classroom

- A list of the pupil and teacher expectations
- Suggested timetables for Years 1 - 6
- Google Classroom codes to join each class
- Tapestry : Nursery, KG and Reception teaching and learning provision

Should you have any questions about the process, please do not hesitate to speak to:

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We will continue to keep you updated and thank you very much for your ongoing support.
Take care of yourselves and each other.

Kindest regards,



David and the Senior Leadership Team