

Learning@Home2 (L@H2) Provision Update for Week commencing Monday 11 January 2021

VITAL INFORMATION:

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY FOR YOUR CHILD'S RELEVANT YEAR GROUP

Dear Parents

I am writing to provide you with important information regarding The Croft Prep School's remote learning provision beginning next week. This follows an extraordinarily intense four-day period in which the school's staff have worked remarkably hard both in front and behind the screens to provide not only excellent learning opportunities this week, but also planning for much more, beginning on Monday 11 January.

Little Crofters Children (all children in school)

Little Crofters children have settled into the new term fantastically well. It has been lovely to welcome a number of new Butterflies and Pre-school children this week, and these 'Nursery' aged children are fortunate to continue to experience some sort of 'normality' in school.

In school provision will continue for all Little Crofters.

Reception

Reception children have begun their first week of L@H2 using the online Tapestry platform. Reception teachers have set daily Literacy and Maths tasks, as well as topic activities, and many parents have uploaded videos and photos of their children engaged in their learning which teachers can then comment on and support parents, as and when needed.

From next week, teachers will be publishing videos to support parents with the teaching of Literacy and Maths concepts, as well as Topic activities and French. We can imagine that some children will want to watch these videos over and over again, in their excitement to 'see' the teachers on the screen!

Year 1

(all Live Lessons can be found in 'calendar' on your child's Teams homepage)

Live Lessons on MS Teams will be taught every day of the week (Monday to Friday) for English and Maths as follows:

9.30 to 10.15am – English

11.00 to 11.45 am – Maths

Work relating to the English and Maths live lessons will be available on the Pupil Portal, as will additional work for other Topic based subject areas.

Year 2

(all Live Lessons can be found in 'calendar' on your child's Teams homepage)

Live Lessons on MS Teams for English and Maths will continue to be taught every day of the week (Monday to Friday), and Class Time on Mondays and Fridays at the following times:

8.55 to 9.10am – Class Time (Mondays)

9.15 to 10.15am – English

11.05 to 12.05pm – Maths

2.00 to 2.20pm – Class Time (Fridays)

In addition to these, the following 5 Live Lessons will begin in the week commencing Monday 11th January:

For 2B

- Mondays 1.15 to 1.40pm – Music
- Mondays 1.45 to 2.10pm – PE
- Wednesdays 1.45 to 2.15pm – Science
- Thursdays 10.15 to 10.40am – PSHE
- Thursdays 2.25 to 2.55pm – French

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- Wednesdays 10.15 to 10.40am – PSHE
- Wednesdays 1.15 to 1.40pm – Music
- Wednesdays 1.45 to 2.10pm – PE
- Thursdays 1.15 to 1.40pm – French

For 2KW (Key Worker children in school)

- Mondays 10.15 to 10.40am – PE
- Mondays 1.45 to 2.10pm – Music
- Tuesdays 1.45 to 2.10pm - PSHE
- Tuesdays 2.55 to 3.20pm – Science
- Thursdays 1.45 to 2.10pm – French

All work related to the live lessons above where applicable will be uploaded to the Pupil Portal.

Some additional work in certain other subjects (not covered by live lessons) will also be uploaded to the portal.

Years 3 to 6

(all Live Lessons can be found in 'calendar' on your child's Teams homepage)

Please find attached to this communication individual class timetables for all classes from Year 3 to 6. These will show you [denoted by a red outlined box] which lessons are being taught live on MS Teams and when.

In summary, each class in Years 3 to 6 will receive English and Maths lessons according to their usual in-school timetable (apart from one exception in Year 4 on Friday 10.15 to 10.00, see timetables attached).

In addition to English and Maths, the following subjects will also have live provision to all Y3 to 6 classes: **Science, French, Music, PSHE and PE**

In Years 4, 5 and 6 **Art, History and Geography will also be taught live.**

In Years 5 and 6 **Library and RE will be taught live.**

In Year 5 only **Study Skills will be taught live.**

All work related to the live lessons above where applicable will be uploaded to the Pupil Portal.

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Expectations

Participation: As during the last time the school was closed during Lockdown 1, we are aware that there are a wide range of significant factors (access to technology, availability of parents, health, child's response to being out of school, and many more) which will impact on your child's ability to engage with the live lessons and portal activities.

As such, I cannot stress enough how important it is that though we (teachers and parents) should all strive to give our children the very best opportunities to fully engage, enjoy and learn during the L@H2 process, there is no pressure on children (or families) to complete every single task or attend and fully participate in every single live lesson. Of course we will aim for and fully encourage the fullest possible participation and completion of tasks, but recognise how at times in the coming weeks this is going to be overly stressful to achieve. As a minimum, we strongly advise full attendance at English, Maths, Science and Form/Class times.

Support: Whilst we recognise the need for the younger children in the school (years 1 to 2 or 3) needing some parental support during the live lessons, we would encourage the older children (Years 3 or 4 to 6) where possible to work independently. Should you have a view on how the L@H2 provision is working for you and your child, please do so either by phoning the office or writing an email to the office account, rather than during a live lesson (unless of course you are a parent to a younger child, or there is an emergency).

Portal Work: we aim for this to be uploaded no later than Sunday evening before the beginning of the week's work. Work handed in by children will be marked no more than 3 working days after it is received. We cannot guarantee that work handed in after the deadline without good reason will be marked.

Whilst we recognise that the Engage Pupil Portal has some limitations in its usability it has proved a very useful tool for sending work out and receiving it back during both lockdowns so far. Please be assured that we are working on removing any unnecessary aspects of the portal, such as old pieces of work, which are cluttering up the platform and causing some confusion.

Experience tells us that children soon get used to how to download and upload work to the portal, access their teacher's comments and ask any questions they may have.

A reminder of how to use the Pupil Portal is attached to this communication.

Behaviour: please remind your children that the conversation and chat aspects of MS Teams are for exchanging pleasantries before a lesson and then for constructive answers and contributions during lessons. They are not for distracting messages and endless emojis. Children misusing the chat feature will be reported to Mr Ferris or myself and we will contact their parents.

KW

The Reception Key Worker group have come into school brilliantly and they work through the same activities as the children at home, with Reception staff supporting. In school provision will continue for all Key Worker children whose parents wish to access it.