

GUIDED HOME LEARNING ARRANGEMENTS

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Please note: 'School' refers to Chatsworth Schools; 'parents' refers to parents, guardians and carers. This is a whole school policy, which also applies to the Early Years Foundation Stage.

During COVID-19 we recognised the absolute necessity of being able to continue the learning at home if a child (or group of children) is unable to access the curriculum on-site.

There are a number of different reasons why it may be necessary to work from home, for example:

- Emergency school closure, e.g. as a result of the coronavirus, COVID-19.
- Having to self-isolate due to COVID-19
- Severe weather (such as heavy snow) means that school has to close for a few days.
- Travel complications for individual families

It is difficult to predict when these circumstances can take place, therefore it is really important that if a child is unable to attend school for a short period of time or longer term, they have access to teaching materials so that they can continue with their learning. It is equally important that they have access to their teachers and effective engagement and interaction.

The most important tool that we use is Microsoft Teams through which our children have access to resources, extension tasks, homework activities and, when necessary, guided home learning materials and live lessons. This resource is used extensively in the classroom as part of our blended learning and is an invaluable tool in extending the learning beyond the classroom where necessary.

This way, all of our children can continue effectively with their learning, even though they may not be in school.

Please see below for instructions on how to log on to Teams.

How to log into Microsoft Teams.

1. From your Office 365 account, click on the 9 dots to open up your apps.
2. A list will appear and click on Teams.
3. This should open up a new window where you will see the teams you have been invited to e.g. Year 5 English
4. Click on the team you want to take part in and enter the conversation. Should you have any queries or questions in relation to this please do email your child's form tutor or refer to the Microsoft Educator website.

The expectations for home learning are:

- Pupils need to wear day clothes/school uniform
- The pupils can contact staff between 8.30am-4.30pm and parents can contact staff as per usual
- Please make sure that anything which will appear on the camera behind your child is appropriate.

- Work to be completed in writing pencil/pen as normal
- Children to have a quiet place to work
- Please remind your child/ren that everything written on line will stay on line and all communication will be monitored by staff. **Safeguarding all children remains a priority.**