



# WOOTTON LOWER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience whilst we have set up a new home learning system this week. As you can appreciate whilst we have had time to set up home learning, we actually only had 24 hours to put this in place. What schools have been asked to provide this time, compared to the first lockdown, is quite different. We are now required to mirror the learning that is taking place in school and provide feedback for all children.

I am aware that for lots of you the first few days at home have been stressful. Issues with uploading work, accessing worksheets and IT issues have added to what is an already stressful time. Our staff are working tirelessly to respond to queries and ensure that all of our children are able to access their home learning. Our Senior Leadership Team have met this morning and we are reviewing our systems as we speak.

We have agreed to review/change the following:

- Work will be uploaded onto Google Classroom in the same layout for each year group with work being organised into day sections. This will make it easier for parents and children to know what is expected of them on a particular day.
- The teachers are going to adapt the current worksheets set so that they are on a google sheet which can be completed on a laptop, tablet or most games consoles (playstations and xboxes) . Completed work will automatically save and you will simply need to tick to say the work is completed. We will provide further guidance on how this will work in the next couple of days.
- We are purchasing additional IT resources to support parents who do not have the right equipment to enable their children to learn at home.
- We can provide paper packs of worksheets if you are still unable to complete the sheets online (whilst these may not be as responsive to your child's needs as these are pre-planned, they will still largely be the same as what is completed in class).

Please can I ask that you email me on [lgrove@woottonlowerschool.co.uk](mailto:lgrove@woottonlowerschool.co.uk) if you have any issues with IT equipment or if you need to request paper based learning because you are unable to access the online learning.

We are looking to make these changes and have them ready for Monday morning. Please can I ask that you just give us some time to try and get our system right. We understand that all of you are doing your very best to provide the best quality of education at home, whilst many of you are still working as well. We all want the very best for our children and we believe that with some adaptations we will be able to have a manageable home learning system that ensures all of our children are still making progress.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Leanne Grove

Head of School