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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Remote Learning from Tomorrow**

Today, the school have planned together to develop a timetable of learning that is ambitious for Ellingham children's continued progress. It is important that each day is treated as a school day and that your child is engaged in learning; our aim is to avoid the vast gap in learning that the previous lockdown created.

In order to make the day more structured like a normal school day, we will be providing the children's exercise books for maths, English, science and wider curriculum for children in Y2-6, a home learning journal for Y1 and a home activity pack for Early Years. Please keep them safe so that they can be returned at the end of lockdown. Could you please collect your children's books or packs tomorrow from the school, but let the office know if this is impossible for you to do? We have organised the collection times in alphabetical order to reduce the number of parents in school as follows:

Collection time	Surnames starting
9.00 - 9.30	A-E
9.30 - 10.00	F-J
10.00 - 10.30	K-O
10.30 - 11.00	P-T
11.00-11.30	V-Z

Please check google classroom tomorrow morning by 9am to see the timetable for the day. For Year 2 upwards, classes have a timetable which will include a daily live English lesson, which will be delivered to the key worker children in school and filmed at the same time for those at home. For

children in Year One, this lesson will be a pre-recorded phonics session. Teaching staff will monitor the comments within the lesson so that they can respond to queries in real time. The timetable will also include a video-based maths lesson and one science or foundation subject all available on google classroom. Teachers will then check in (via a live google meet) at the end of the day to chat through any questions or feedback and to share a story.

Please remember we also have year group-specific email addresses for families to use as a means of communication with your teacher. Please help us to maintain high expectations of lessons and ensure your children access these teaching sessions 'ready to learn'. They should be fully dressed and sitting quietly and any meals should be taken outside of learning time.

An important element of teaching and learning is being able to assess how well the children are accessing learning. We will need the support of parents and carers to help children with marking work or to scan or photograph activities so that they can be marked by the teaching team. Alternatively, for younger children, it might be a more specific communication to the teacher about what the children found difficult. Teachers will give clear instructions on google classroom about what work they would like to see.

This is a new approach to continued teaching and learning during the lockdown. Last time, we believed that the lockdown would be a one-off and our focus was on sustaining knowledge. This time we want to introduce new knowledge and embed previous learning and help our children to make progress. We may need to tweak the structure of the day or the way the lessons are being delivered as we recognise that there may be clashes if your children are in different year groups. All of our staff will be in school during this week to ensure that we can adapt and amend our approach to make it as effective and successful as possible; your feedback will of course be part of this.

We appreciate how difficult this situation is and we are grateful to all of you for your continued support at this time.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Keogh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'L' and 'K'.

Lisa Keogh  
Headteacher