

# Merton Junior School

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*'Be wise, together we  
succeed'*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hoping this letter finds you well at this challenging time.

The aim of this letter is to outline some key information linked to 'Remote Learning' and will hopefully reassure you.

The year 6 team aim to use a blended approach to remote learning this will include a variety of things:

- Independent tasks for the children to complete and submit back to their teacher. These will be in the format of a PowerPoint – children can write onto the document and are required to submit it back to their teacher each day. These slides will often have an example for the children to follow, and on occasions the children will have a choice of tasks so they can challenge themselves. A member of the team will assess work submitted and give regular feedback
- Staff will pre-record videos which the children can watch before they complete a specific task, the aim is to guide the children by modelling expectations or a new concept.
- Staff will schedule Google Meets. This is an opportunity for the children to 'see and speak' to their teacher or a member of the year 6 team. These meetings may be used to talk through what the children have learnt that week, any misconceptions can be addressed by the teacher, children to share their achievements with others.
- Google Meets may be used for some 'live teaching' for example, explaining a new maths concept or modelling writing expectations
- We will be doing a staggered, live, video register each day on Google Meet, to acknowledge that children are being active in completing their work and also to go through an outline of the work for the day. To access this, a link will become visible at your child's designated time, located in the coloured bar which states their class name.

These blended learning opportunities will be timetabled each week and displayed on Google Classroom by the end of the school day each Friday. When you click on link a timetable will be displayed which will look like this, outlining the week ahead:

Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> January	What is on offer in addition to daily remote learning PowerPoints
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video registration               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Beech 9am</li> <li>- Willow 9:15am</li> <li>- Poplar 9:30am</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wild Way Home audiobook</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video registration               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Beech 9am</li> <li>- Willow 9:15am</li> <li>- Poplar 9:30am</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Google Meet with Mrs Moore (Willow)</li> <li>• Wild Way Home audiobook</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video registration               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Beech 9am</li> <li>- Willow 9:15am</li> <li>- Poplar 9:30am</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Google Meet with Miss Fear (Beech)</li> <li>• Google Meet with Miss Thomas (Poplar)</li> <li>• Wild Way Home audiobook</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video registration               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Beech 9am</li> <li>- Willow 9:15am</li> <li>- Poplar 9:30am</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wild Way Home audiobook</li> </ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video registration               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Beech 9am</li> <li>- Willow 9:15am</li> <li>- Poplar 9:30am</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wild Way Home audiobook</li> </ul>
We will announce each morning if any live teaching is being offered, this will state the time and area of learning that we will be teaching.	

Children are expected to complete their work daily to the same standard that we would expect at school and as their teachers, we will still be assessing your children. Therefore, it is really important that while supporting their learning at home, their tasks should be completed relatively independently so that it is a true reflection of their ability.

If you have any difficulties accessing Google classroom or submitting child's work, please continue to contact the year 6 team at: [year6@merton-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:year6@merton-jun.hants.sch.uk) or visit our COVID 19 page on the website where we aim to upload a variety of 'helpful user guides' made by our team.

Thank you for your continued support, you are all doing a fantastic job.

Kind regards,

The Year 6 Team