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"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

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Dear Parent

RECEPTION HOME LEARNING DURING LOCKDOWN

I am writing to inform you of the home learning arrangements which will be in place to support the education of our children who will not attending school during the current lockdown period.

Firstly I would like to thank you for your patience as we prepare to move to remote learning. Please bear with us as we learn to make the best use of this new method of learning while also teaching vulnerable and critical worker children on a full-time basis in school.

Virtual Classroom via Evidence Me:

Pupils will be able to access **3 - 4 lessons everyday** which will be very similar to the lessons that would have been taught in school.

Phonics, handwriting and **either literacy or maths** will take place every day.

I will also ensure that **one further lesson** will take place each day from these subjects: **Topic work and R.E.** along with suggestions for **gross motor and fine motor activities**.

A lesson timetable will be shared with you at the start of each week along with a suggestion of timings for each day. This is just a guide to follow as well as you can: we do understand that many parents may have work and childcare commitments to attend to at the same time.

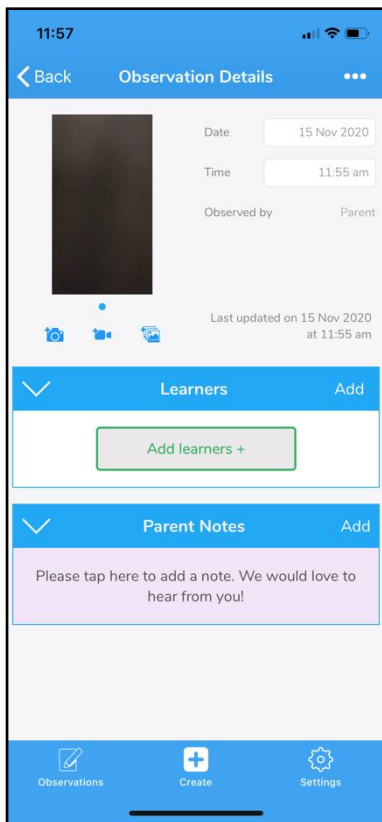
I will upload teaching PowerPoint presentations or direct pupils to a video / website which will walk through lessons and explain new concepts via the **Evidence Me** app.

Please remember, throughout the Early Years Foundation Stage we learn through play. Children benefit greatly through physical activities such as mark-making (drawing and painting), building (using Lego and other construction materials), reading stories and re-enacting them, singing and dancing and also practising their fine motor skills (cutting, threading, rolling dough, and colouring).

If you would like more activities during this time, we would like to direct you to use [the Oak National Academy](#) resources, where you can find more lessons for your child's year group.

Completion of Work:

For each activity which your child completes, please upload a photo and or video in a separate observation. Complete the notes section using your child's words. Please see the example below:

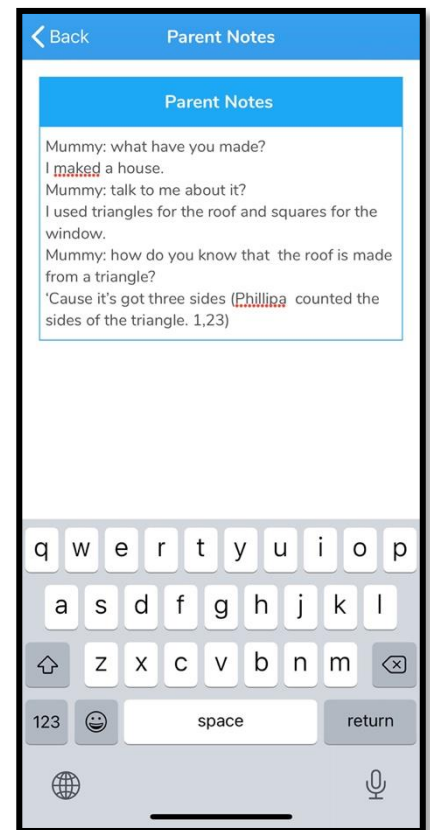


Please add your media (either photos or a video).

Then you can add your notes by clicking on the add button next to notes.

It should open up a window like the one you can see on the right hand side here.

Add your notes using a conversation format if appropriate like the example.



Please submit any incidental observations of anything that your child has been up to. I would love to see them!

By submitting observations via **Evidence Me** you are ensuring that your child's learning journey has no gaps. We will be keeping records of pupils who are submitting work each day.

The following lessons will take place each week:

This week, to ease us into the change that we have had to make at such short notice, teachers will be setting **phonics and maths lessons only** on **Thursday 7th January** and **Friday 8th January**. This will allow some time to resolve any issues which families may experience with accessing online learning.

Home / School Communication:

Please email: rec.isolation@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk if you have any queries or require support.

- Your child's class teacher will respond as soon as they can. **Please be aware teachers are teaching in school full time.**
- Teachers will contact families when pupils are not seen to be completing work in order to support with any issues that may arise.
- Teachers will arrange calls within the next two weeks via SchoolCloud so that face to face interaction can take place.

- If you would like request a call from your child's class teacher before this time, please contact the school office by emailing: headteacher@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk and we will endeavour to accommodate your request.

Please be aware, all of our teachers and staff will be in school full time everyday. We are teaching children of critical workers and / or vulnerable pupils; therefore, teachers will not be available to respond to messages during the school day. We will endeavour to respond to messages as quickly as we can and support all of our children whether they are at home or in school, but please be patient with us at this time as we adapt to remote learning.

We will email a questionnaire to parents in the next few weeks to find out how well our new home learning provision is working as we are always welcome feedback. We will be striving to make the best provision that we can.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact school if there is anything that you may need assistance with during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Headteacher