



# Egerton Primary School

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**Through dynamic teaching, a highly creative curriculum and supportive environment, every Egerton child gains a passion for learning. When combined with the knowledge, skills and values they develop, we enable our children to fulfil their potential as global citizens in an ever-changing world**

Dear Parents,

This week Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education, promised to give schools and parents 2 weeks' notice regarding when all children can return to school. Given that the government have imposed this lockdown until February half term at least we should receive an announcement next week.

## **Remote Learning**

At Egerton our remote learning is shared via Seesaw and Tapestry. These are highly interactive learning platforms where children can view teaching videos and return to them if they wish to support their learning. They can post their work, photos and videos too. Their teachers can then provide individual feedback to them. This not only supports the children's learning but it provides a high level of flexibility for working families as to when the children are able to do their work.

The critical factor is that every household is different for lots of reasons such as the number of siblings and their ages, the number of devices available (please get in touch if this is an issue for you and we can provide one), single parents, parents both working, health, involvement of social care.... the list is almost endless. Each school is challenged to consider what works well for their children and families. Our 'asynchronous approach' is highly effective, especially for primary aged children where their teachers teach all subjects and adopt a thematic approach.

Our teachers are working incredibly hard and are extremely creative. They are creating their own pre-recorded videos as well as making good use of resources recommended by the government such as The Oak Academy videos and BBC Bitesize. This means that the children can return to them as often as they need, unlike live lessons. Assessment is an integral part of our remote learning too, as lying behind the pupil platform that the children see there is an assessment platform for teachers only, linked to the national curriculum. Mrs Sedgwick, Miss Capper and I monitor this across the school including Tapestry, the platform for Reception children.

All children should be engaging with the remote learning but we also appreciate that this comes with huge challenges for working parents. **Please do what you can, when you can and please do post any completed work for the teachers to provide feedback.** Seesaw and Tapestry are learning platforms for children that parents can see and then like and/or comment to praise their children. Due to the huge number of pieces of work teachers are providing feedback on, we want to make communication channels clear. Therefore:

**If you need to contact your child's teacher regarding any difficulties or worries please do this via the admin email address and not on Seesaw or Tapestry as these are specifically a record of their learning. The teachers will reply or give you a call.**

### **Resources Pick up Point**

On Monday and Tuesday we will set up a table outside the main entrance with exercise books, pencils, pens and other resources that you may find useful for home learning. Please wear a mask and maintain a 2m distance from anyone arriving at the same time.

### **Big Cat Reading Scheme**

We have decided to subscribe to the Collins Big Cat eBooks for the children from Reception to Year 6 to read during this period of remote learning. These books link directly to the texts the children read in school and will allow teachers to allocate books which are accurate to every child's current book band.

### **Accessing the eBook library**

On Monday, you will receive (via Seesaw) your child's log in details, as well as instructions on how to access and use your child's personal library.

### **eBook selection**

If your child is reading Lilac to Copper books, they will be set a new book twice a week every Monday and Thursday. It is very important to read the books more than once to support fluency and understanding of the story.

If your child is reading Topaz to Pearl books, they will initially be set three books to explore so they can decide which fiction or non-fiction text they will read first. A new book will then be added for your child every Monday.

Children who are 'free readers' in Year 5 will be able to explore Emerald and Sapphire books, whilst the children who are 'free readers' in Year 6 will be able to explore Diamond and Pearl books. These are excellent resources to support fluency and comprehension and should be read alongside the novels they are reading from home.

When your child has finished their book, you will find questions, discussion points and challenges at the end of the ebook to explore.

Colour Band
Lilac
Pink
Red
Yellow
Blue
Green
Orange
Turquoise
Purple
Gold
White
Lime
Copper
Topaz
Ruby
Emerald
Sapphire
Diamond
Pearl

### **Staff Testing**

The government have now announced that staff in primary schools will be eligible for lateral flow testing. Egerton staff on duty with the key workers group are tested twice every week at Knutsford Academy. This began at the start of this term.

Finally, I want to extend my thanks and the staff too for the strong level of engagement across the school. The quality of work and level of creativity is impressive.

Enjoy your weekend and some welcome sunshine!

Best wishes

Alison Hooper

Headteacher

