



# Holland Haven Primary School

*'Reach for the Stars'*

14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

The government has announced that schools are required to provide remote learning when a child is off school, due to having COVID-19 or due to self-isolating because someone in their household has COVID-19.

During lockdown, I was able to provide two teachers to do this task on a daily basis. However, now that all of our teachers are teaching throughout the day, this provision is more challenging.

To support this task, we have decided to invest in an online platform called Purple Mash. Staff have had training on Purple Mash and you will be provided with information in your child's homework book so that you and your child can access the wealth of learning resources it has to offer.

We will be using Purple Mash in school during lessons and for homework tasks but additionally we will be using it so that all of our pupils will be able to interact with their teacher and their learning if they have to self-isolate.

Purple Mash is an exciting and safe online environment where children can get involved in all sorts of creative projects to support their learning in Literacy, Maths, Science, ICT, History, Geography, RE, Art, Music and Design & Technology. Your child has their Username and Password to access their Purple Mash account from home. Each child has their own personal login, which is unique to them and will enable them to access the different activities Purple Mash has to offer.

Of course, we will also continue to provide existing resources to support remote learning (log in details are in the front of the children's small red homework books):

Reading Plus (Years 4, 5, 6)  
Lexia (Selected children)  
My Maths (Years 3-6)  
RM Easimaths (Years 2, 3)  
Times Table Rock Stars (Years 2-6)

Teachers will email pupils with any additional activities or information during the week via your child's gmail account.

Our intention is for all remote learning to be online. Our online learning facilities are much more beneficial than paper activities because they allow for personalised activities, explanations and feedback. It also allows work to be set each morning, and for teachers to be able to mark and provide feedback to children.

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We hope that you will engage with this new exciting opportunity to ensure your child continues to learn and progress while they are at home.

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In Reception classes, teachers will be setting daily activities via the parent's Evidence Me app. These activities will cover the same learning objectives as those covered in school that day. The activities will include a literacy activity, numeracy activity, physical activity and a theme activity. They will be uploaded to the Evidence Me app and you will be asked to send pictures and observations back showing what your child has completed that day.

Yours faithfully

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