

# LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents,

I would like to begin this letter by offering my heartfelt thanks to those of you who have taken the time to email or message me or other members of staff with your thanks and support for all the hard work that has gone into the remote learning this week. Your messages have meant a great deal to all of us as we endeavour to adapt very quickly to a new way of working. We know that there are still issues to be resolved, and changes to be made, but just four days in to using Teams, we are delighted with the positive feedback we have received. I can assure you that we are continuing to develop our provision further, but are so pleased that parents and children have already found this term's remote learning provision to be more engaging and effective than that on offer during the previous lockdown. Thank you so much for supporting us and working with us.

## **Oxford Owls E Library**

I am very pleased to say that we have set up class subscriptions to the Oxford Owls e library for Reception to Year 4. This site is very easy to use and offers a range of books for the children to read online, in place of their reading books. Each class has their own log-in which you will receive in the next few days, along with a suggested level of books for your child to read. The online books also have activities linked to them for the children to enjoy.

We feel that children further up the school may find these online books to be slightly too easy and would encourage them to continue with reading books from home, the library or other online resources.

## **P.E.**

Along with many other schools in our local Sports Partnership, we would like to share the following P.E. resource with you:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZtASj5d2Ryw&list=PLYGRaluWWT0jV3An2WEgsQ4qGFy\\_91jDL](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZtASj5d2Ryw&list=PLYGRaluWWT0jV3An2WEgsQ4qGFy_91jDL)

Lessons will be posted daily, and teachers will share the links with you on the school website. These daily lessons will cover many aspects of the P.E. curriculum we would have covered in school, adapted to work in a non-school setting and using the space and resources available to you at home.

**We promote the learning and development of all children to achieve their full potential  
in a caring, happy Christian environment**



In addition, I know that many families enjoyed the Joe Wicks workouts last year. Joe will be leading live sessions at 9:00 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, lasting 20 minutes, for those of you who may wish to join in.

## Accessing Teams on an X Box or Playstation

**Using Xbox or PlayStation to access Hwb**

Accessing your remote learning. An alternative method of accessing remote learning during times of lockdown.

**Xbox**

1. Plug a keyboard in to the Xbox USB slot
2. Go in to my games and apps
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select
4. Type in: Hwb and log in as you would in school
5. You can then access your work through Google Classroom or OneDrive and use key packages including:
  - Word
  - Teams
  - Excel
  - PowerPoint
  - Your emails
6. To move around you use the Xbox control or plug in a mouse

**PlayStation**

1. Identify the PlayStation internet browser icon (it is WWW with dots around it)
2. Press the PlayStation logo on the controller
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications
4. Go in to applications and you will find the internet browser
5. Type Hwb into the browser and log in as you would in school
6. You can then access your work through Google Classroom or OneDrive and use key packages including:
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Following my last letter, a couple of parents have very kindly shared the following guide to support accessing Teams on an X Box or Playstation. We really appreciate the sharing of such helpful guides, unfortunately we all have different devices and systems and cannot always offer advice relating to a particular issue as a result. It is lovely to see parents working to support each other and the school in this way – thank you.

You would probably need to plug in a keyboard to make life a little easier and possibly free up memory but it is possible to access MS Team this way.

### Microsoft Word

I am aware that some families are experiencing difficulties using Word in Teams, as they do not have Teams installed on their devices. I am also aware that Microsoft products can be rather pricey! Miss Harrison has found that there is a one month free trial available for Word if you have a Microsoft account, and have not already used the free trial. Details can be found at <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/word>

Whilst this is obviously not a long-term solution, it might help at the moment. We will continue to look at ways to address the issue from school.

### **Worship**

From Monday, I shall lead worship in school which I shall record and upload to Teams, on a twice weekly basis. Please do feel free to access this with your children.

### **Remote Learning Plan**

The Government have issued guidance to schools, setting out their expectations of remote learning provision. I am very pleased to share with you our plan to meet these expectations and hope that you will agree that the provision we are offering our pupils is meaningful and ambitious. If you have any questions about our provision, please do contact me – it is always incredibly helpful to hear your views and experiences and to consider ways in which we can develop our practice yet further. Through your feedback, for example, we have already changed our timescale for uploading assignments, making them accessible to you the evening before, rather than the morning of, the live sessions. Raising issues like these with us may allow us to make the changes you would like to see, or to explain why we have taken a particular approach.

Finally, I would just like to offer a huge well done to everyone for making it through to the end of the week! I know it has been a very challenging week (I can hardly remember Monday, it seems so long ago!), but it has been wonderful to see the children engaging in their on-line learning. They have really impressed us with their enthusiasm and resilience, and we are so grateful to you for your support. I am so sorry your options for entertainment and a change of scene are limited this weekend, but I do hope you manage to have a rest, and to put the laptop away for a while!

Best wishes

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