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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Home Learning via YouTube

The current advice from government is for schools to stay open; **there are no plans to close our school**. However, I am writing to tell you how we will help you to support your child's education at home, should we be asked to close.

With that in mind, I am thrilled to let you know that Goosewell Primary Academy now has its very own YouTube channel! The channel can also be found by going to the school's website; click on 'Year Groups' from the tab on our homepage and you will see a link for '**YouTube Home Learning**'.

The YouTube channel will contain a series of 'Playlists' dedicated to each year group. Within each year group's playlist there will be lessons related to your child's current learning, with each lesson building on the one before, to simulate a lesson at school. The aim of the channel is to provide children with an opportunity to continue their learning at home, should the need arise. Your child is also being issued with a Home Learning Book for all work to be completed in. If you do not have internet access, please inform your child's class teacher as soon as possible and we will provide alternative work.

We will endeavour to make the work straight forward and relevant to your child's current topic and we will coach children on our expectations for completing the work. We will also design tasks to minimise the amount of support from parents and avoid undue pressure. The work will typically consist of daily lessons uploaded based on Reading, Writing, Maths and Topic.

Much of the work will be internet based, so there will be no need to print resources, as the children will write their answers in the exercise book provided. We want the children to be proud of their work and would encourage you to ensure they work diligently and with care, writing neatly on the lines, use rulers for lines where required and use the correct punctuation and spellings. Please mark the work as your child completes it, if they make any mistakes see if your child can correct the work themselves. So far, we only have a few lessons online to demonstrate what is available and the aim of this letter is to direct you and your children for future reference. Please take some time to '**Subscribe**' to Goosewell Academy's YouTube channel and I will soon be in touch with more details about future content.

I would also like to point out that this style of teaching is new to our teachers and I am incredibly proud of their commitment in ensuring the learning of the children does not falter as we go through these changing times. I am also hugely impressed at the lessons they have posted so far. If, at any point you do have questions about the content of the lessons, please feel free to email the Year Group Leader all email addresses are on the school website.

Finally, we are also sending the children home with 2 Accelerated Reader (AR) books. Once read, children can then complete the online quiz using the following link: <https://ukhosted52.renlearn.co.uk/2236574/> These books will need to be returned to school so please ensure they are looked after. Many books are on the AR system and if you want to check, please use this link: <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

I will of course keep you updated if any of the advice or guidance changes. Thank you for your continuing support and involvement at this very difficult time.

With very best wishes



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