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Dear Parents/Carers,

Information about Remote Learning

Over the last few weeks, we have introduced all children in the school to their own class virtual learning platform: Microsoft Teams. This means that if your child's bubble has to close, class teachers can still provide lessons and set work (assignments) that the children can complete. The teachers will be using a range of sources to support children in their learning for example: Oak Academy lessons, White Rose Maths lessons, BBC Bitesize and school powerpoints. This is a very exciting time and one that is definitely a learning curve for everyone.

Children have been given logins to access this and a copy of this has been put in their reading diary. They have been shown how to login to their class Team. We have uploaded a short Teams tutorial onto our Youtube account to help you understand how to access this: <https://youtu.be/CPJLC05mQAq>

Please don't worry, if you cannot access Teams, in the event of a bubble closure, work will be also sent via the class email accounts for example: 4A@pennyhill.sandwell.sch.uk (name of class then @pennyhill.sandwell.sch.uk) and also through Marvellous Me. For parents who find this difficult, due to lack of wifi or technology, the teacher, during their initial calls home, will discuss alternative options. It is expected that children will complete work set by the teacher even when they are not in school. The DFE has stated that children should not miss lessons due to bubbles having to close for periods of isolation. Once the work has been submitted, the teacher will give feedback as in normal circumstances.

In the event of a bubble closure, we will be setting at least three lessons per day: a maths, an English and a foundation subject. Other activities such as My Maths and Bug Club will complement the scheduled lessons. We will be able to see who has or has not submitted work. If children do not engage with the learning, a phone call will be made by the class teacher to see what additional support they may need.

We would like you to have a go at logging onto Teams with your child and having a go at the quick, fun, activity we have set for them. If you have any problems, please contact your class teacher via their class email account.

How to login: google search - Microsoft Teams Login or download the free app (this is the better option). Use the email address given to your child and the password that is in their reading diary (the password is case sensitive).

Yours sincerely

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