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Say hello to the newest members of the Heron Park family!



But, the family have no names.
Can you help?

We need each year group to come up with a name for each one of our nine hog family members.

Heron Park staff also have a hedgehog to name!

Children can participate by submitting names to the teacher; each year group will then choose the winning name which will allocated to a Hog family member.



The Hog family will be living in the Heron Park
'Wildlife Wilderness' on the field.

See if you can find them, next time you are over there.

All entries must be submitted by **Friday 5th February**.

(A huge thank you goes to Mrs King and her son, who made the Hog family)





Google Classroom

We have record numbers of children accessing google classroom in the last week. Well done!

Mr Morgan has added a weekly video showing the latest activities for you to challenge yourself with!

<https://heron-park-primary-academy.secure-primariesite.net/pe-2/>

If you're using the work packs, don't forget to return any completed packs before collecting the new pack.

New packs are available each Monday from the school office.



Children who are entitled to FREE SCHOOL MEALS (This does not include the KS1 FSM provision, as that is a separate government scheme) and who are **NOT** in school, will receive a £15 per child voucher from EDENRED each week.

These will continue all the time your child is not attending school, but **please note, the vouchers will not be issued during half term.**

If you have any issues or feel you may be entitled, please contact the school office who will be able to help.

Diary Dates:

Friday 12th February - Last day of term three

Monday 22nd February - First day of term four

Thursday 4th March - World Book Day - fun activities will be available online & in school!

Thursday 1st April - Last day of term four. School finishes at 1:30pm for all children

Friday 2nd April - Bank Holiday

Monday 19th April - First day of term five

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday

Friday 28th May - last day of term five

Monday 7th June - First day of term six

Friday 18th June - INSET DAY

Friday 23rd July - Last day of term six. School finishes at 1:30pm for all children

Calendar dates are subject to change, we will endeavour to give parents/carers as much notice as possible.

REMOTE EDUCATION 10 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

Remote education ensures continuous learning outside the classroom. For parents and carers, remote education isn't always straightforward and there can be a number of factors they need to consider, especially around ensuring their children feel comfortable and are familiar with the whole concept. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers support their child in getting the most out of their remote education experience.

1. TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

As a parent or carer, your school may have explained how remote education works already, but children may still need help. Take an active interest in their learning and help support them whenever they need a helping hand.



2. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION AND ONLINE ACTIVITY

It's important to remind your child that despite being at home, the same level of behaviour and conduct exists as if they were at school. Encourage them to remain polite, remember their manners and not to post or send any negative comments just because they are behind a computer.



3. ESTABLISH A DAILY SCHEDULE AND ROUTINE

Working from home and trying to learn in a more casual setting that children might associate more with play and a degree of freedom might take a bit of getting used to. Try to stick to a daily routine and use the timetable/schedule that schools have sent home to help children keep on top of their daily learning.



4. ENCOURAGE SCREEN BREAKS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AWAY FROM DEVICES

Remote learning will inevitably require more interaction with computers, laptops and tablets. Teachers will invariably advise on screen breaks however, it doesn't hurt to keep a check on their time online or encourage them to get some fresh air/exercise.



5. ENSURE YOUR LEARNING DEVICE IS IN PUBLIC SPACE IN THE HOME

It's important to consider where your PC or laptop is placed if live video is being used. Try to keep the background neutral, with no personal information visible and move learning devices out of the bedroom as this could be deemed inappropriate.



7. ENSURE YOUR CHILD ONLY USES OFFICIAL SCHOOL COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

It's important that all communication with teachers and school staff is directed through approved school channels, whether that be through the school's online portal or the relevant secure messaging site.



6. IMPLEMENT SAFETY CONTROLS AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS ON APPS AND SOFTWARE

Dependant on how your school implements remote education, your child may be required to download certain software or apps. Whilst these are likely to be relatively safe to use, like any other new app or platform, parents should still implement safety controls as a precaution.



8. FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH RELEVANT SCHOOL POLICIES

Schools should have a policy on remote education that they can share with parents. Familiarise yourself with this and ensure you know what is expected of teachers and your child during lessons, both online and offline.



9. MAINTAIN FEEDBACK WITH TEACHERS

Engage in communication with teachers where possible, and try to feed back progress and development as well as any helpful suggestions around the learning process. Be transparent but remain professional and only use official channels to communicate.



10. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Remote education will likely mean that your child won't get the same level of social interaction and might not see their friends for a while. Keep a check on their wellbeing and try to encourage them to get out as much as they can. Whilst learning from home might seem fun and exciting to start to with, missing out on seeing their friends every day might take its toll.

