

Update to home learning from WC 15.6.20

As we move further through this period, we feel now is a natural time to change the structure of our home learning. This decision has been made from feedback we have received from families and from what we believe is the most helpful for the children at this point in the year.

As a result, the home learning will now be on a one-page overview. The overview will have short daily tasks which will help to create more structure, routine and independence into the children's activities. We hope that this will also be more manageable for our families as more of you return to work.

What will the home learning look like now?

The learning on the overview will focus heavily on the key skills for each year group. This is to provide the children with a chance to revise, embed and apply key skills ready for their transition into the next year group and help them to get off to a flying start in their new year.

Each week you will receive an overview as shown in the image below. There may be one or two additional resources or videos to support the home learning. We will continue to load all of these onto our website.

<p>Circles for your child to colour or tick each day, when they have completed the short task.</p>		<p>An explanation of the task will be provided for each area of learning.</p>
<p>There may be some links to websites. Please monitor your child's use of the internet. If you would like further guidance around internet safety, please click here.</p>		

This will continue to be sent via ParentMail each Friday.

How can my child use the home learning overview sheet?

For reading, spelling, writing, maths and physical learning there will be a short task that the children can repeat each day. There are circles that your child can colour in when they have completed the task, so this way they have a visual record of their success.

For other areas of learning there will be a task and your child can select which day(s) they decide to complete this on.

We recommend that you aim for your child to complete the short activities each day. As all our teachers will be teaching a class, they are unable to mark work. However, the circles that your child can independently tick and/or colour should support them to feel a sense of achievement.

You can continue to share your achievements on our social media pages (please remember not to use names) and via your class email address.

How will my child be able to keep in touch with their class teacher?

Although your child may not be returning to school this term we want to reassure you that we are very much keeping them in mind and miss all our community dearly. You will soon receive some information regarding a 20-minute zoom session your child can join each week which will be held by their class teacher. This will provide your child with an opportunity to see some of their peers and teachers.

Please continue to use your child's class email address (as below) to stay in touch and ask any questions you may have. In order for this to be manageable for our staff we have set some expectations around the use of emails to teachers (please see below).

Class	Email
Willow	<u>willow@hassocksis.com</u>
Beech	<u>beech@hassocksis.com</u>
Cherry	<u>cherry@hassocksis.com</u>
Ash	<u>ash@hassocksis.com</u>
Chestnut	<u>chestnut@hassocksis.com</u>
Apple	<u>apple@hassocksis.com</u>
Elm	<u>elm@hassocksis.com</u>
Holly	<u>holly@hassocksis.com</u>
Oak	<u>oak@hassocksis.com</u>

Expectations of email use:

Emails can be sent to update the teacher on:

- what you have been up to during this time
- questions you may have around home learning
- to request a Keeping in Touch call

The teachers will be unable to respond to anything that does not fall within the above criteria. Please also remind yourself of the home school agreement that was signed at the start of the academic year.

- Teachers/teaching assistants will only be able to respond to emails sent from children within their own class.

- Please try and include all the updates you would like to share/questions you may have within one email per week. Teachers will be unable to respond to any more than two sent from each child per week.
- Teacher/teaching assistants will aim to respond within 2 working days but this may not always be possible.
- We will keep you informed if teachers' availability to respond to emails becomes unmanageable.
- These email addresses will not be checked until after 4pm on weekdays or at weekends.

We look forward to hearing from your child.

- Please do let us know about your home learning activities on Twitter using the tag @hassocksInfant. The staff are looking forward to seeing what you will be up to and will be using twitter to share what they are doing!
- Parents will still be able to use the email address office@hassocksis.com to email general enquires.

As the teachers are now teaching a class they will be unable to call each family as regularly as they have been. Therefore, if you require a telephone conversation we ask that you email the school office or class email address above and we will be happy to arrange for you to be called back.

We are looking forward to staying to touch with you all over the next few weeks and are extremely proud of all you are achieving from afar. Please continue to send in pictures and videos of what you are up to with your learning at home, they put lots of smiles on our faces.