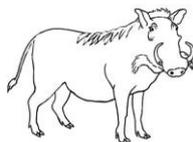


Homework –

Friday 11th September 2020



Mrs Hutton



Dear Parent/Carer

I guess that all schools are in a funny position at the moment: as children have returned to school, some parents have considered that their children might possibly be ill with Coronavirus - though the list of symptoms are not unlike the sort of illnesses children get in the autumn - and some have had tests (all returned negative.) More recently, tests have become impossible to get quickly so children are likely to be staying off longer. Added to that, rates of infection seem to be rising rapidly and so no one knows how that will affect schools - whether schools will have to close or not.

With that in mind, schools have been tasked with ensuring that children still receive a high quality education, even if they are not at school and even if school has closed: this isn't an easy ask!

Our most powerful tool for online education if the school closes is through the use of Class Dojo. All parents have been invited to sign up for it through an email (unfortunately, some parents haven't accepted their invitation to 'join' though it simply requires a press of a button and a download of an app.) Through class Dojo, there is a two-way communication with the class teacher as well as the opportunity for the teacher to download teaching videos. This is a useful system and we would like all parents to sign up.

We have also agreed as a staff to put together two-week work packs so that if children are isolating, they can be getting on with some structured tasks. These will be available in the next couple of weeks.

I also see that the Oak National Academy is still operating: <https://www.thenational.academy>. This is a decent source of lessons - all delivered by teachers, though it is a bit dry and you would have to select for yourselves appropriate lessons. This was something the government set up for Lockdown and I do know some parents who used it and enjoyed it - we used it with my children and it was ok.

So we do have different systems for making sure that children can continue their education if they are at home - though with all these things, it does require some parental involvement. If parents have any questions or any suggestions, please use my direct email ***head@ivanhoeprimary.co.uk*** to get in touch.

Finally, there are still a few issues around social distancing before and after school: can I remind parents who go through the Reception (F2) yard not to allow their children to touch ANY equipment. We have noticed that some parents come to school as couples and we wondered if parents would mind coming singly, just to reduce numbers.

Please use the comment box below to write anything you have to say about the homework or about any other school issues...

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Please make sure that your child's medical details and emergency contact numbers are with the office and up-to-date.