Thursday 24th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your support over the past couple of weeks. Your patience and support with drop off and pick-ups at the start and end of the day has been much appreciated.

We are writing to you today to share some important information regarding our plans for remote learning and our curriculum.

**Remote Learning**

There may be occasions when a child or whole bubble needs to self-isolate. It is extremely important that you activate your child’s Seesaw account or Tapestry account so we can contact you in these circumstances. If you are having problems setting this up please make contact and we will help. Your child will come home with an exercise book labelled ‘Home Learning’ and this should **only** be used for activities/work whilst isolating. **Please keep this book in a safe place**. Hopefully we will not need to use it!

The plan for remote learning can be viewed on our website

<http://www.mountcarmel.manchester.sch.uk/page/remote-learning-plan-2020/82578>

**Recovery Curriculum**

We have a plan in place to ensure all children are given the support they need with their learning. Staff have spent the last couple of weeks delivering a curriculum based on mental health and well-being. Children have been given opportunities in school to talk to each other and their teachers. The children have settled very well into school. Please remember if there is anything you need support with, we are always happy to help.

During the past few weeks, staff have worked hard to help identify gaps in learning and this will continue over the next few weeks. We know that some children may be behind with their learning and we are planning provision to help children ‘catch up’ as quickly as possible especially in Phonics, Reading Writing and Maths.

Alfa Music Service and Manchester City Sports coaches will enhance our curriculum even further this year by delivering high quality music and PE lessons to children in KS1 and KS2. Staff are now using Now>Press>Play with the children and this complements our curriculum.

**Homework**

The way we set homework is changing. One of the biggest changes is the introduction of an activity passport for children in Reception to Year 6. This activity passport will replace the project homework we previously set.

Each year group has 20 activities to complete at home throughout the year. We ask that the children aim to complete 2-3 of them each half term. At the end of each half term, we will be asking children to bring this portfolio into school to share and celebrate their experiences. The portfolio will be presented in a scrap book provided by school and can be presented in variety of ways, e.g. photographs, drawings, writing of the experience, PowerPoint, paintings etc. Your child will bring home this scrap book this week. Please read the covering letter inside this book and we look forward to sharing their experiences when they return their scrap book to school.

We have also invested in Times Table Rock Stars which will help your child with daily times tables practice. Your child’s login details will be stuck into their reading card. Please encourage your child to access this resource regularly.

Spelling Shed is another resource we have purchased for your child to enjoy and use at home. Your child’s login details will be stuck into their reading card. Spelling shed includes games and activities to support your child through the spelling curriculum.

As you can see, there are many different opportunities being offered to your children and we need your support, so that they gain the most out of the resources available to them. If we work together we can help the children to catch up.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Seaborn

**Deputy Headteacher**