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Home Learning Bags

17 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the closure of school between March and September 2020, all schools have been allocated funding to support the children in 'catching-up' on education they may have missed. It is important this funding is used to support **all** children in school and for the impact of this to be sustainable over time.

Complete details of how we have allocated all funding will be available on the school website in due course.

We are very excited to share with you the '**Home Learning Bags**', developed for Nursery through to Year 2, to promote children's catch up through a strong home-school partnership.

The bags contain typical resources your child uses daily within school in their learning. We hope that you will use these resources at home too to accelerate your child's progress. Each half term school will provide activity ideas for you to do at home with the resources in the bag. In addition, in the case of any bubble closure or future school closure, the resources will be used in our school teaching videos shared daily for your child's home learning. So many of our children enjoy playing 'schools' so hopefully they will learn through showing you how they use the resources.

It is our intention the bags will be used for future year groups for many years to come. We know the catch up will not be a quick fix and further disruption is possible in schools. In addition, the government funding for catch up is likely to be a one-time only initiative and as such we need to ensure our investment in the Home Learning Bags is sustained for years to come.

The average cost of each bag is £25.00 and school will not have funding to replace these if they are lost. We have made up 240 of these to enable 60 children per year group to benefit. With this in mind, we will be asking you to 'sign-out' the bag for your child with reassurance from you it will be well looked after and returned, in full, to school in July 2021, ready for the following year group to use. Each bag will be numbered so we know who has each bag and a complete list of resources can be found inside the bag so you can keep track of what it should contain.

Please look out for the videos coming to the school website and Facebook page which explain what the bag contains.

Please follow the link below or look out for the text to link you to an online form for you to complete to acknowledge you will take responsibility for the 'Home Learning Bag' your child has been allocated.

We hope you and your child have lots of fun learning at home. If you complete the attached form, the packs will be given to children from Monday 27 September.

<https://forms.office.com/r/AtKJBzY7BR>

Kind regards,

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