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Dear parents and carers of Invicta Blackheath children,

As always, I hope you are all as well as can be in all of your own different circumstances. Whilst there are glimmers of hope in the news, this continues to be an extremely worrying and challenging time for many of us.

Once again I write with lots of information. Later in this letter you will find lots of news about changes to our home learning package. You will notice several improvements from next week.

But first, some other important notices while I have your attention!

Help and Support

Laptops
We have handed out many more devices this week to make it easier for children to access home learning. Please get in touch if you need one.

Data
We are able to apply for more data for certain children. We now also have a number of data top up cards. Please get in touch if you would like us to apply for you or if you don't have wifi at home and need help getting more data.

Food and other support
Those of you entitled to Free School Meals will have received a letter and email from our School Business Manager Kate Fry with lots of important information in it earlier today. Please reply if necessary. **However, we are very aware that this pandemic is affecting many more in our community and some families who might not meet the threshold for free school meals and other support may be in need.** Please email kate.fry@invictaprimary.co.uk in confidence if you would like help. We can arrange food deliveries to the homes of people in need. Please also contact Kate if you need other practical support, again in confidence. You can also call the school office and ask for a call back.

Also, the Ahoy Centre, located right next to Invicta Deptford, are offering free hot takeaway meals for families of 4 on Wednesday evenings between 4 and 4.30. Their funding means that one of the children needs to be at least 8yrs old. If you'd like to take advantage of this please book here: https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=19389632&appointmentType=category:AHOY%20Kitchen

Email support

You will read more about home learning later, however in our survey we realised approximately 30% of parents/carers weren't aware that they could email their teacher directly with home learning queries. All teachers' emails follow this naming protocol:
Teacher: Jane Bloggs Email address: j.bloggs@invictaprimary.co.uk
If unsure just give the school office a call or email admin@invictaprimary.co.uk
Please continue to be mindful, as so many of you are, of our teachers' wellbeing and email during working hours. We realise that for many of you it is easier to write a message out of hours, and if this is the case please try to schedule it or save and send it the following school day.

Contact

Social contact

Many of you mentioned that your children were missing social contact and because of this we have built in some social time in our live sessions for Y1-6. Many of you also made it clear that you found the chat sessions useful so we have kept the morning chat sessions but removed the afternoon one as it was less well attended and it was felt that this teacher time could be put to better use.

Phone calls

Our teachers have been trying to get in contact with all of our children to speak to them. You may have received a call from a withheld number- this could have been from your child(ren's) class teacher. Teachers have tried to call every child at least once. This is very worthwhile, and also very time consuming if teachers need to keep calling back when there is no answer. If your child has not spoken directly to the teacher please email them directly to arrange this. Moving forward, because we have organised live interaction teachers will only continue these calls with children whose parents have requested follow up calls or need help engaging with Google Classroom.

Can you offer help?

Many of you have contacted us to ask if you can help- thank you. Some people are already aware that we have set up a **Go Fund Me Page** to help us support some of our families in need. If you would like to share this page, please do. Money raised is being used to help in a range of ways and please be assured that all raised will directly be used to help families who are struggling more than usual due to the pandemic.
We are also still very much welcoming your donations of laptops/devices that you no longer need. Please continue to let us know if you can donate something (in good working order and with a charger please).

Home learning

Thank you to everyone who completed our home learning survey earlier in the week. As always, we were overwhelmed with your messages of support and thanks. Please know how much these are appreciated, particularly during this difficult time. Thank you too for your feedback. Many of you shared helpful, practical and realistic suggestions based on your experience which has been really useful in our review. We have worked hard to improve our online provision to best meet the needs of our children, as well as those of our staff, parents and carers.

You will see below that there are some significant changes. As with anything new, there are bound to be some teething problems so please do bear with us and thanks in advance for understanding this!

Headlines

- Learning will now be shared at 8am
- Every lesson will be accompanied by a video that your child can follow on the slides. This may be audio with modelling of tasks or a small video.
- All children in Reception, Year 1 and selected children in Year 2 will continue their phonics lessons on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This will consist of a 10-15 minute video where their phonics teacher will recap sounds that they have already been taught as well as teaching new sounds each day.
- The teachers will now be online daily from 10-11am only for "chat"
- All pieces of work will be acknowledged and each week your teacher will give in-depth feedback for 1 piece of English and 1 piece of Maths work.
- Your child will be invited to 2 live sessions per week and live links will be shared via Google classroom

Teaching videos

You will notice from Monday that the lesson slideshows will include **teacher videos.** Many of these will be your child(ren)'s own class teacher and others will be from other Invicta teachers. In particular you will notice this in week one when we are encouraging our teachers to share their videos while we all become familiar with the software, which will inevitably take a bit of time.

Special mentions

We appreciate that we only get a glimpse of the lovely learning that goes on in your households and that your children will need support to motivate them while they are not with their peers. Given that most people wanted it to remain, we will continue to do Special Mentions on a Friday, choosing 2 children each week. In addition if your child is working really hard at home or displaying our Invicta school values please email Miss Gallagher at Blackheath v.gallagher@invictaprimary.co.uk. She will share a virtual headteacher sticker and video you can share with your child.

Live teaching sessions

There will be 2 live teaching group sessions for each child, which will begin next week. The links for these sessions will be found in your child(ren)'s Google Classroom. It will be the same link for every live session that your child is invited to. **More details including invitation links and which group your child is in will be shared in Google Classrooms later today.**

The timetable and information about the content for these sessions is below. Copy and paste the link into a browser 5mins before the session- this will take you into a waiting room where you can wait for your teacher to admit you. Please read our guidelines about expectations carefully and explain them to your child. The teachers will talk about their expectations and rules in the first sessions too.

We have tried to avoid clashes as best we can, and once again please bear with us should there be any difficulties whilst we get this system established.

Live teaching sessions **The links for these sessions will be found in Google Classroom** **It will be the same link for every live session that your child is invited to.**				
Phase	**EYFS**	**KS1**	**LKS2**	**UKS2**
Year groups	Reception	Year 1 and 2	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6
No. of children invited per group	6	10	10	15
Time allocated per session	15mins	15mins +5mins social at the end	15mins +5mins social at the end	30mins
Session 1	Story time: teaching phonics or number through a story twice per week.	Maths based- problem solving and reasoning skills (based on weekly learning or misconceptions noticed in work submitted)	Maths based- problem solving and reasoning skills (based on weekly learning or misconceptions noticed in work submitted)	Maths based- problem solving and reasoning skills (based on weekly learning or misconceptions noticed in work submitted)
Session 2	Story time: teaching phonics or number through a story twice per week.	English based- either writing workshop (based on weekly learning) or Read aloud,	English based- either writing workshop (based on weekly learning) or vocabulary from	English based- either writing workshop (based on weekly learning) or vocabulary from

		think aloud session	Mrs Wordsmith	Mrs Wordsmith
Social		5mins at the end of each session will be free to the children to socialise	5mins at the end of each session will be free to the children to socialise	15min whole class social

- Mr Waller will be holding **'Ball skills with Mr Waller'** live
- Ms Alexander will be **'Live from her kitchen'** giving you the opportunity to sing along with her or practise rhythms using cups
- Ms Power will be launching a live **drawing club** w/b 25th January

Live sessions expectations and rules:

General expectations:

- Live sessions are for invited pupils only and not their siblings or other family members
- Live sessions are not a time for parent/carer queries and these should be raised by email or a phone call
- Live sessions must not be recorded
- Children can and will only be admitted to a session via their Invicta Primary school Google account
- Video should be on at all time during the session unless agreed in advance

Expectations for children:

- Be on time. (If you are late, please do not interrupt the session)
- Be fully dressed.
- Choose a background and do not change it.
- Raise your hand if you want to speak.
- Only use the chat as your teacher asks you - do not chat to your friends.
- Be polite (like you are speaking in person).
- Be fully focused on the session and not doing anything else.

Please see below for the timetables separated into year groups. Later on today you will see a year group specific letter posted onto Google classroom with the links to the live sessions and the groups your child is in.

If you need to read this letter again you will always be able to find it on our website letters page, which is under the "news and events" menu:
http://invictaprimaryschool.org.uk/News/Letters/

Google Classroom Lessons BLACKHEATH

Reception:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8am	Good morning from your teacher	Good morning from Mr Waller	Good morning from Ms Alexander	Good morning from your teacher	Good morning from Ms Gallagher Special mentions
Learning for the day	Maths English Phonics Understanding of the world	Maths English P.E. Phonics	Maths English Music Phonics	Maths English P.E.	Maths English Mandarin Expressive arts and design
10am-11am	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat
Live sessions		**Reception 1:00-2:15** 1:00-1:15 Group 1 G-O'M 1:15-1:30 Group 2 G-O'M 1:30-1:45 Group 3 G-O'M 1:45-2:00 Group 4 G-O'M 2:00-2:15 Group 5 G-O'M	9.00 - 9.15 EYFS/ Y1 singing		11.15 - 11.35 EYFS and Y1 PE with Mr Waller 12.30-1 Art club with Ms Power **Reception 1:00-2:15** 1:00-1:15 Group 1 G-O'M 1:15-1:30 Group 2 G-O'M 1:30-1:45 Group 3 G-O'M 1:45-2:00 Group

					4 G-O'M 2:00-2:15 Group 5 G-O'M
3pm	Story time		Story time	Story time	

Year 1:

	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
8am	Good morning from your teacher	Good morning from Mr Waller	Good morning from Ms Alexander	Good morning from your teacher	Good morning from Ms Gallagher Special mentions
Learning for the day	Maths English Mandarin	Maths English P.E. History	Maths English P.S.H.E/ R.E.	Maths English P.E.	Maths English Art Music
10am-11am	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat
Live sessions	**English live lessons** **9-9:20** - Y1 English Lacy group A **9-9:20** - Y1 English Sandwich group A **9:20-9:40** - Y1 English Lacy group B **9:20-9:40** - Y1 English Sandwich group B **9:40-10:00** - Y1 English Lacy group C	**Maths Live sessions** **9-9:20** - Y1 Maths Lacy group A **9-9:20** - Y1 Maths Sandwich group A **9:20-9:40** - Y1 Maths Lacy group B **9:20-9:40** - Y1 Maths Sandwich group B **9:40-10:00** - Y1 Maths Lacy group C	9.00 - 9.15 EYFS/ Y1 singing		11.15-11.35 EYFS and Y1 PE with Mr Waller 12.30-1 Art club with Ms Power

	9:40-10:00 - Y1 English Sandwich group C	**9:40-10:00** - Y1 Maths Sandwich group C			
3pm			Story time	Story time	Story time

Year 2:

	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
8am	Good morning from your teacher	Good morning from Mr Waller	Good morning from Ms Alexander	Good morning from your teacher	Good morning from Ms Gallagher Special mentions
Learning for the day	Maths English PSHE/RE	Maths English P.E. Mandarin	Maths English Music Science	Maths English P.E. History	Maths English Art Music
10am-11am	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat
Live sessions			**11-11.20** - Deman English group 1 **11.20 - 11.40** Deman English group 2 **11.40 - 12:00** Deman English group 3 **11-11.20** - Cutty Sark English group 1 **11.20 - 11.40** Cutty Sark English group 2 **11.40 - 12:00** Cutty Sark English group 3	**11-11.20** - Deman Maths group 1 **11.20 - 11.40** Deman Maths group 2 **11.40 - 12:00** Deman Maths group 3	9.15 - 9.35 Y2 and Y3 PE with Mr Waller **11-11.20** - Cutty Sark Maths group 1 **11.20 - 11.40** Cutty Sark Maths group 2 **11.40 - 12:00** Cutty Sark Maths group 3 12.30-1 Art club with Ms Power
3pm	Story time	Story time			Story time

Year 3:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8am	Good morning from your teacher	Good morning from Mr Waller	Good morning from Ms Alexander	Good morning from your teacher	Good morning from Ms Gallagher Special mentions
Learning for the day	Maths English Science	Maths English P.E.	Maths English Topic	Maths English P.E. Mandarin	Maths English Music Art
10am-11am	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat
Live sessions			9.30-9.45 SInging with Ms Alexander	9-10 Y3A and Y3B Maths groups 1-2 Y3A and Y3B English groups	9.15-9.35 Y2 and Y3 PE with Mr Waller 1-1.30 Art club with Ms Power
3pm	Story time	Story time	Story time		

Year 4:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8am	Good morning from your teacher	Good morning from Mr Waller	Good morning from Ms Alexander	Good morning from your teacher	Good morning from Ms Gallagher Special mentions
Learning for the day	Maths English History	Maths English Science P.E.	Maths English Mandarin	Maths English PSHE P.E.	Maths English Art Music
10am-11am	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat
Live sessions		**Darwin English groups** (20 mins each) Groups: A - 11-11:20 B - 11:20-11:40 C - 11:40-12	**Darwin Maths groups** (20 mins each) Groups: A - 2-2:20 B - 2:20-2:40 C - 2:40-3	**Beagle Maths groups** (20 mins each) Groups: A - 11-11:20 B - 11:20-11:40 C - 11:40-12	**Beagle English groups** (20 mins each) Groups: A - 11-11:20 B - 11:20-11:40 C - 11:40-12 1-1.30 Art club with Ms Power 1.40-2pm Y4,5,6 PE with Mr Waller
3pm		Story time	Story time	Story time	

Year 5:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8am	Good morning from your teacher	Good morning from Mr Waller	Good morning from Ms Alexander	Good morning from your teacher	Good morning from Ms Gallagher Special mentions
Learning for the day	Maths English History	Maths English P.E. PSHE (Fortnightly) R.E (Fortnightly)	Maths English Music Mandarin	Maths English P.E. Science	Maths English Art
10am-11am	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat
Live sessions		2.00 - 2.30 MacArthur A Maths 2.30 - 3.00 MacArthur B Maths	10.00-10.15 Y4/5/6 singing 2.00 - 2.30 Trimaran A Maths 2.30 - 3.00 Trimaran B Maths		09:00 - 9:30 Trimaran A English 09:30 - 10:00 Trimaran B English 11:00 - 11:30 MacArthur A English 11:30 - 12:00 MacArthur B English 1-1.30 Art club with Ms Power 1.40-2pm Y4,5,6 PE with Mr Waller

					2.00 - 2.15: MacArthur Social 2.00 - 2.15: Trimaran Social
PM					Book Club 2.30 - 3

Year 6:

	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
8am	Good morning from your teacher	Good morning from Mr Waller	Good morning from Ms Alexander	Good morning from your teacher	Good morning from Ms Gallagher Special mentions
Learning for the day	Maths English History	Maths English P.E. PSHE (Fortnightly) R.E (Fortnightly)	Maths English Music Mandarin	Maths English P.E. Science	Maths English Art
10am-11am	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat	Teacher online for chat
Live sessions	9:00 - 9.30: Grainger A English 9:30 - 10.00 Grainger B English 1.00 - 1.30: Scull A Maths 1.30 - 2.00: Scull B Maths	9:00 - 9:30 Scull A English 9:30 - 10.00 Scull B English 1.00 - 1.30: Grainger A Maths 1.30 - 2:00: Grainger B Maths	10.00-10.15 Y4/5/6 singing		1.40-2pm Y4,5,6 PE with Mr Waller 1-1.30 Art club with Ms Power 2:00-2:15: Scull social 2.00 - 2.15: Grainger social
PM					Book club

					2:30-3:00pm