

## **DROPMORE INFANT SCHOOL**

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Dear parents,

As mentioned in my Lockdown letter from 5<sup>th</sup> January, I am pleased to provide you with an update on our new online learning platform: Microsoft Teams. As with any IT project, it is not unusual to be faced with some technical, logistic and user interface issues, but we are working our way through these and are happy to start sharing the platform with you.

We recognise that our pupils are not able to access remote education without adult support and the impact this has on you, as parents. To support you in managing the difficult logistics of work commitments and home-schooling one or more children, we will continue to have the weekly learning map and resources available by Monday morning, when we change to Microsoft Teams. This will give you the flexibility to complete these as and when suits the individual circumstances.

Staff are still completing Microsoft Teams training sessions and are adjusting to the new platform. We believe that it will help them and you, our parents, if we do a 2-step introduction of Teams. We have decided to put only one subject on Teams for the first week and post all other learning on Google Classroom/Tapestry. This way you can have a go at completing one subject in Teams, but keep everything else the same as before. This will also help us ironing out any problems we may face. All being well, we hope to then move everything onto Teams the following week.

Please watch the short video introducing Teams for pupils, parents and carers: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00zi8CU0208&t=3s&safe=true">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00zi8CU0208&t=3s&safe=true</a>

Even though Teams can be accessed through a browser, I recommend you download the app on your tablets, mobile devices and desktops that will be used for home learning. Once you have watched the video and downloaded the app, login using your child's login details. Feel free to have a look around, but don't worry ... we will be sending out further information about how we will use Teams at Dropmore Infant School. We will also create some How-to guides and offer a face-to-face session for parents.

Thank you for your continued support! Kind regards,











