

4th January 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you enjoyed Christmas, albeit a very different one and here's to 2021!

Firstly, we would like to thank you all for your flexibility and support following the closure of our school. We had to react very quickly and, as you can imagine, we are all on a learning curve; things will go well and other things will need improving as we go! Your feedback will be invaluable during this time. You can contact us on the year group email: year6@branfil.havering.sch.uk

To support your child while they are learning from home, we will be running some daily drop-in sessions for English and Maths, via our Google Classroom, to provide help and support for the work that has been completed. Your child will be able to access the drop-in session that most suits their challenge level. They are used to completing red, amber, or green challenges in school and these are also clear on the lesson slides on Google Classroom. It may be that your child will attend a different session time each day, according to the work they completed and their confidence in each task. We will keep a note of who attended which session so we can keep track.

These sessions will provide an opportunity for us to notice and address any areas of difficulty, ask and answer questions and move learning on. They will also provide an opportunity for the children to see each other and maintain social interactions, as much as possible, while we are away from school. Please see the timetable below for more information.

Drop-in Session Timetable – starting 5th January 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10.00 - 10.20		6C catch up	6C Maths Red/Amber	6C Maths Red/Amber	6C Maths Red/Amber
10.30 - 10.50		6A catch up	6A Maths Red/Amber	6A Maths Red/Amber	6A Maths Red/Amber
11.00 - 11.20		6H catch up	6H Maths Red/Amber	6H Maths Red/Amber	6H Maths Red/Amber
11.30 - 11.50			6C Maths Green	6C Maths Green	6C Maths Green
1.00 - 1.20			6A Maths Green	6A Maths Green	6A Maths Green
1.30 - 1.50			6H Maths Green	6H Maths Green	6H Maths Green

2.00-2.20		6C catch up	6C English	6C English	6C English
2.20-2.40		6A catch up	6A English	6A English	6A English
2.40-3.00		6H catch up	6H English	6H English	6H English

Please find below a suggested timetable for each day. You may find another way of organising your time that works better for you and your child, as long as they have completed the day's work before their drop-in time.

Suggested Timetable

Suggested Time	Activity
9.00 - 10.00	Complete maths activity
10.00 - 11.30	Complete English activity + break and snack
11.30 - 12.00	PE activity
12.00 - 1.00	Lunch
1.00 - 2.00	Complete foundation activity
2.30 - 3.00	Daily reading, TT Rockstars, PE activities, Homework, Lexia, etc

You can access the drop-in sessions by going to 6 Hornbeam's/ 6 Acacia's/ 6 Chestnut's Google Classroom 5 minutes before the start time and you will find at the top of the page a link to the Google Meet room. This will open a new tab. We will be able to see, hear and chat to the children and vice versa. We would ask that they mute their microphone initially and then can unmute during the session when needed. Your child will be quite familiar with Google Meets as it is how we have been meeting as a school for assemblies since September. If you do not see the meet link, it may be because you are a little too early.

If for any reason your child cannot attend the drop-in sessions, please do not hesitate to contact us on the year group email and, if necessary, we will do our best to arrange an alternative method of contact for that day. If we are already aware of circumstances that would make accessing these sessions difficult, we will contact you directly.

Please be reminded that your child should complete the work on Google Classroom if they are feeling fit and well. If they become poorly or unwell to a point that you would not send them into school, they would not need to complete the work for that day.

Please do not hesitate to contact us, however minor your question may seem! There are some videos in each classroom explaining: How to complete the daily check-in, how to join a meet for drop-ins and one to demonstrate uploading and turning work in.

Keep safe and we hope to see you all again very soon,

Miss Bain, Mrs Daly and Miss Philpot