



THANK YOU

Thank you very much and well done to all pupils and parents for your patience, contribution and support as we have transitioned to our current home learning arrangements. We think that you are doing a super job and we really appreciate your efforts to continue learning and to make the best of the situation. We are pleased with the effectiveness of Microsoft Teams and the opportunities and options it provides. If you have any feedback that you would like to share, please do email the school office.

USING TEAMS

Since we started using Teams last week and as we have become more familiar with the platform, there are a few aspects that we think would be useful to share with you:

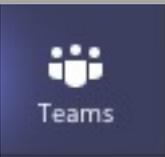
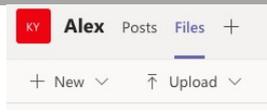
- It's a good idea to mute your microphone when you are listening. It reduces sound issues and helps to maintain your privacy. Please remember that when your microphone is switched on, your comments can be heard by other members of your child's class.
- Pupils are asked to follow the same behaviour expectations that we use in the classroom (Ready, Kind, Safe).
- Use the chat feature to ask for help, work on a problem or share key information requested by a teacher. Please do not use the chat feature for general conversation, commentary or pleasantries. Please note that the chat can be seen by everyone in your child's class.
- If you need to contact your child's teacher with anything that you think needs to be confidential, please either phone or email the school office. We will share your enquiry with the relevant staff straight away and they will get back to you as soon as they can.
- When we launched Teams, we mentioned the calendar in our original instructions. Since then, we've realised that this isn't available for pupils.

Please also remember to monitor your child's use of devices with internet access. You can safeguard your child by working alongside them and by adjusting parental controls with your broadband provider. Please note that school computers using your broadband will rely on your content filters, as they are not connected to the school network.

SHARING YOUR CHILD'S WORK AND FEEDBACK

In the classroom we use a number of methods to review children's learning and share feedback with them and we plan to replicate this in some ways while using Teams:

- In some lessons, answers will be shared so that pupils can review their own work.
- Sometimes, verbal feedback will be provided.
- Each week going forwards pupils will be asked to 'hand in' some of their work. Teachers will clearly explain which tasks need to be shared in this way. Each pupil in Y1 to Y6 now has their own 'channel' where they can store files that can be viewed by their teacher but not by other pupils. To save a file in your child's channel, click on the Teams icon on the left, select your child's channel (not general) and then click the files tab at the top. Teachers will provide written feedback when work has been uploaded in this way. Please note that not every task will need to be uploaded. Online remote teaching and learning creates additional workload for staff and we need to be realistic about the amount of feedback that can be given.

		
Click on the Teams icon on the left.	Select your child's channel (below the General channel).	Click on the Files tab at the top and then use the upload function.

- Parents of pupils in Early Years are asked to upload observations using Tapestry.

A NEW READING SCHEME

We hope that pupils have enjoyed reading books from the new reading scheme, sent home in the packs of equipment last week. When we return to school, pupils will be able to change and choose these books regularly. Until then, we still want to offer access to the new books and have come up with a plan to make this possible.



If you are ready to swap your Collins books, please let the school office know by email or phone. We will prepare a new set of books for you when we receive your message, so that you can drop off and pick-up books at the same time. Please note the timescales detailed below:

9am Monday	9am Wednesday	9am Friday
Requests for new books received by 9am each Monday will be ready for collection by 1pm that day and any day / time after that.	Requests for new books received by 9am each Wednesday will be ready for collection by 1pm that day and any day / time after that.	Requests for new books received by 9am each Friday will be ready for collection by 1pm that day and any day / time after that.

Pupils that attend school at the moment can change their books during the school day.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Since government guidance was released about those pupils eligible for a school place, further clarification has been provided advising that *parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can*. We want to support critical workers as much as we can while also maximising safety in school for pupils, their parents and staff. If you think that you are able to review your child's attendance, please do contact school so that we can discuss this. Thank you.

WELLIES, SCHOOL SHOES & TRAINERS

We understand that if your child has left footwear at school, you may want to collect these for use at home over the coming weeks. With Gunnerside School closed at this time, we have brought all cloakroom items down to Reeth School. If you would like to collect anything, please do let us know.

Thank you again for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

With best wishes,

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Feb
Fri 12th School closes for half term
Mon 22nd School re-opens

