Attendance Addendum - COVID-19

October 2020

Attendance Expectations during COVID-19:

During COVID-19, the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including:

- **parents' duty** to secure that their **child attends regularly** at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age;
- the schools' responsibilities to **record attendance** and **follow up absence**;
- the school's ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

> **It is a legal requirement that all children come to school; every day and on time. It is still our commitment, during COVID-19, to ensure that all our children are in attendance every day and monitor all absence.**

Pupils who are shielding or in self-isolation:

Shielding:

Shielding advice for all adults and children was paused on 1 August 2020, subject to a continued decline in the rates of community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that even the small number of pupils who will remain on the shielded patient list can also return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding.

Self-Isolation:

During COVID-19 if pupils need to self-isolate **and** are well enough to continue with their learning, they must access remote learning following the schools procedures daily. Children will check-in daily, complete learning activities linked to their usual curriculum and receive feedback from a member of staff every day.

There are two scenarios where children might be self-isolating:

Scenario 1: Individual Pupils: [BLENDED] Child Self Isolating and well enough to learn.

Scenario 2: Whole School/Bubble Isolating: whole class and teachers isolating and well enough to learn.

In these instances, parents must follow the school procedures for remote learning so children can continue to access their learning every day:

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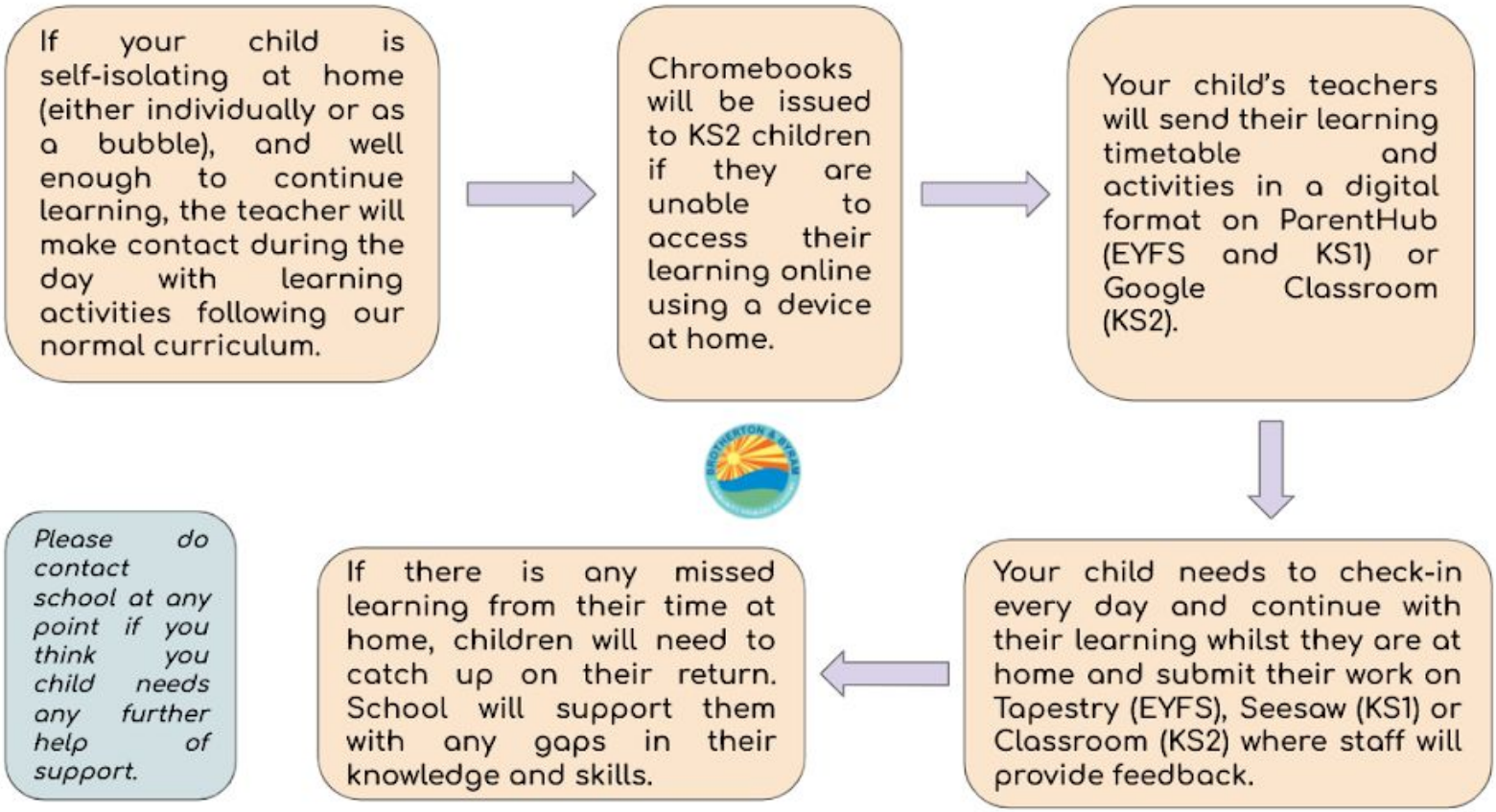

We are committed as a school to the following principles for remote learning:

- ➔ Expectations that all children will always participate in 'live' is to be balanced with opportunities to access recordings that better match parental employment (home working, for example) and wider family commitments.
- ➔ We will always act in the best interests of the child and we recognise the importance of maintaining an attitude of 'it could happen here'
- ➔ The school has the responsibility to maximise every opportunity for the children to access learning at all times - a lack of technology should not be a barrier to any child.
- ➔ We ensure that information and support is available to all our parents and carers so that they are confident in ensuring children are protected from any online exploitation or criminal activity.

Further details can be found in our remote learning policy available on the school website.