



Wednesday 11th January

Dear Parent/Carer,

In September, we asked you to complete a survey as part of our work with a scheme called the Family School Partnership Award, which is helping us to think about how we work with families and support us to build stronger links between home and school.

Your feedback has helped us to set the following priorities for this school year:

1. To provide information and run workshops to help you to support your child's learning at home.
2. To create opportunities for you to develop your own skills.
3. To ensure that children have access to resources and devices which support their learning, and parents are supported to access these.

We are hoping that we will be in a position to run face-to-face workshops with parents soon, but whilst the situation with Covid is restrictive on this, we are preparing a series of videos on different themes which you can watch with your children at home. These are designed to give you practical tips and advice on how to support your children with their learning, as well help you to understand more about our curriculum. Each of the videos have been designed and recorded by our teachers. Please see below for the first set:

Video	Helpful for...	What's it all about?
How to help with online safety (8 mins)	All parents	Parents will gain an understanding of what we do at Heathland to ensure that children access technology safely. This will include advice on current popular platforms, and how parents can seek support on parental controls.
How to help with phonics (6 mins)	EYFS and KS1	Parents will be introduced to the resources and terminology associated with the Read, Write, Inc phonics programme, and be shown the Ruth Miskin website where they can access resources to support their child with phonics at home.
How to help with MindUp (15 mins)	All parents	Parents will develop an understanding of the Mind Up curriculum, and the resources available for parents to engage in mindfulness activities with their children at home.
How to help your child with reading in KS2 (15 mins)	KS2	Parents will gain an understanding of how reading is taught to KS2 and how to support children with reading at home.
How to talk to your child about rights (11 mins)	All parents	Parents will get an understanding of the UNCRC articles and how we use them within our curriculum to develop learning about, for and with the rights. We hope that this will support conversations at home about being a rights respecting school.

In two weeks' time, you will receive a Google Forms link which will ask for your feedback on the videos. This will help us both to tailor our future video offer, and develop the content of our videos to suit the needs of our parents and carers. Please do complete this feedback when you receive it as it will greatly help us with our programme.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher