


Dear Parents



Please find attached information regarding 2 new Web applications that the school has implemented and is providing for your child. This will help support their teaching and learning remotely when needed. Here is a brief overview of each application.

### **Purple Mash**



Purple Mash (2 simple) is a web application that children can access from home and at school. **Purple Mash** is an award-winning cross-curricular website aimed at primary school children. It enables children to explore and enhance their knowledge in a fun and creative way. This can be accessed from home and where necessary teachers can now set work for children Individually and be able to communicate back and forth when needed. Each child at the school has been provided with a log in card and you will find these details attached. When we start using this service to set work for children we will of course let you know. In the meantime take some time to look at the tutorial link via  and try logging in and simply exploring what it has to offer. There will not be any set work set up for your child ....yet.

### **Espresso - Discovery Education**



Espresso is an online cross-curricular service that provides video-rich resources to schools throughout the UK. It contains thousands of videos and multimedia activities to enhance your child's learning skills. We also use this in school to motivate, engage and more importantly provide a research tool for children.

We are pleased to announce that you and your child can now access award-winning Discovery Education (Espresso) service from home. The information sheet is also attached for you to have a read through and explore.

### **What is the difference between them both?**

Purple Mash will be our learning platform. This is where work is set and shared. However, Espresso will be useful for additional research and learning resources to accompany Purple Mash. i.e. a link may be sent through Purple Mash for your child to access through Espresso to help complete some work. Please be assured that these web applications are secure and GDPR compliant. Children will access Purple Mash through the school portal which increases safety even further.

### **So what we would like you to do?**

To ensure that you are able to access both of these provisions we would be grateful if you could log in to both websites and make sure they work for you. This will help us to enable that you have access online should the need arise. If you do have any problems accessing either application please let us know. We can then make sure that this is resolved so in case of remote learning or homework set you will be ready to go should needed.

**PROBLEMS ACCESSING** - If you have any problems accessing Purple Mash or Discovery Education please contact your class teacher in the first instance or if this is not possible email [itac@fairisle-inf.co.uk](mailto:itac@fairisle-inf.co.uk) and we will try and help you as soon as we possibly can.

Over the next few days you will be receiving log-in codes for your child so they can access the platforms available.

Lastly I hope this hasn't been too overwhelming but as technology moves forward it is vital that we keep up to date with online access. Many thanks for your understanding.

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