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## eSchools Virtual Learning Platform

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware from our Parent's Forums over the past year, the school has been gradually integrating a virtual learning environment (vle) called eSchools into the classrooms.

At present all classes have been having specific lessons concerning e-safety and how to protect yourself online. Pupils have also had the chance to log on to their account and use the facilities to create their own learning page and take part in some class based activities.

We are now ready to take the next steps. Over the remainder of this half term, teachers will be setting up a chat and homework function for the children to complete over the half term. This will be a short piece to allow the children to engage with the vle outside of the classroom. If for any reason a child does not have access to a computer or the ability to access the internet there is still a paper option available.

Please note that whilst there is a chat function available to children it is a monitored function that reports any misuse directly to the school administrator. Therefore children have had specific lessons concerning responsible use.

After half term children will be invited to set up their own blog about an area of interest to them or an activity they have engaged with at home. You might like to discuss this with your child so they have a subject ready.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the use of the vle further then please contact your class teacher or myself directly.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Cooper (Assistant Headteacher)

