

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe we have now completed four weeks of remote learning?! You will be aware that Boris said earlier in the week that schools will not be able to reopen to more pupils until 8th March at the earliest. Whilst this is disappointing, it does not come as a surprise. I feel we are now all in the swing of things and will keep doing what we're doing. We are overwhelmed by the support and collaboration between home and school and one positive that has come out of all of this is that it has brought us closer together as a community in order to all do the best we can for our children.

We are fully aware of how challenging the current situation is for everybody and one thing I am very mindful of is that everyone (children, parents, staff etc.) are struggling in one way or another and we all have good days and not so good days. It's so important to be kind to yourself and each other, give yourself and each other a break and not put too much pressure on yourselves. At the end of the day, we are all in the same boat and we can only do so much. And I am totally seeing that you are all doing an amazing job!

'Remote Learning' feedback questionnaire

Thank you so much for all your feedback and comments. We were amazed and delighted to receive 53 responses with the vast majority being incredibly positive about what we are providing which is very reassuring. Obviously, we are not able to meet everybody's individual needs, however, we have discussed all the suggestions and have agreed to make the following tweaks to improve our practise. Those with individual concerns may be contacted separately to discuss how we can support you the best we can.

Live Zoom lessons

(Statement 1: The live zoom lessons are useful, effective and are supporting the children with their learning: Agree- 49 Neutral- 4 Disagree- 0)

- Key stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) zoom sessions will continue as twice daily. Each session will be 30min in length
- Reception and Key stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) zoom sessions will continue as twice daily. Each session will be 20min in length
- A register will be taken in each session
- The first session will be literacy focussed
- The second session will contain some maths fluency, but may also be an opportunity for teaching subjects, reviewing learning, revisiting learning, pre-teaching and sharing
- We will no longer deliver story times during the live zoom sessions
- We are trying to think of ways to try and regain that enthusiasm and liven up the learning a bit for the children.

Learning set by the teacher

(Statement 2: The learning set by the teacher each day is useful, effective and is supporting the children with their learning: Agree- 50 Neutral- 3 Disagree- 0)

- English lessons will have 'Must, Should, Could' expectations. 'Must' - all the children must achieve, 'Should' - is the expected level for the Year group and most children will achieve, 'Could' - a few children might achieve

- In maths there will be an additional challenge set each day to deepen learning for those who are looking for an additional challenge
- If your child is requiring additional challenges or learning please use resources available such as BBC Bitesize and Oak Academy
- Teachers will provide personalised learning for children who are not able access the learning set for the class
- If you are feeling too much learning has been set, please contact the class teacher and they will advise on what you should aim to complete if you are unable to complete it all
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Seesaw

(Statement 3: Seesaw is easy to access and navigate and is a useful tool to assist with our remote learning: Agree- 50 Neutral- 3 Disagree- 0)

- Work will be deleted regularly from Seesaw so the learning set for each day is easier to locate
- Teachers will discuss with individuals who are having difficulty uploading learning

Teacher Feedback

(Statement 4: The feedback provided by the teacher is purposeful and helping my child to progress: Agree- 48 Neutral- 5 Disagree- 0)

- When marking work, the teachers will provide more constructive feedback on what has been successful and what could be improved

Communication - teacher & whole school

(Statement 5: The communication with my child's class teacher is good: Agree- 52 Neutral- 1 Disagree- 0)

(Statement 6: The communication from the school as a whole is good : Agree- 52 Neutral- 1 Disagree- 0)

- No changes will be made with regards to communication. However, if you are needing or wanting a 1:1 conversation with the class teacher, SENCo or Headteacher, please contact them via email and this will be arranged
- We will hold parental consultations after half term

Free School Meals

The children who are attending school are continuing to have a hot meal provided each day. We have now had confirmation that these children will receive a voucher to cover the half term break. Those at home who are entitled for free school meals, hopefully the voucher system is now in full swing. If you have any problems with this, or your circumstances have changed meaning that you could now be entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office to discuss this.

Communication

From the feedback you have given us it seems that our communication systems are working for you. However, if you would like a phone call from either your child's class teacher or myself, please do not hesitate to contact us about this and we will be more than happy to speak to you.

After half term, we will be arranging parental consultation meetings, which will be via telephone or zoom. Further details will follow at a later date.

Devices

We have very kindly been donated some laptops and iPads from people in our local community, and we have also received our allocation of some laptops from the Government. As a result we have been able to issue some devices to families who were struggling with technology at home, so that they are now able to access Seesaw and Zoom calls.

We have also set up the KS2 children in school with a laptop each so they are able to access the work as they would at home, upload their work for their teacher to see and receive teacher feedback via seesaw too. If your child is attending school and is in year 3 or 4 they will bring home a seesaw login code, so that you can also access Seesaw at home.

Poppy Appeal

It's a little while ago now, but we wanted to let you know that as a school we raised £83.88 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. They have asked us to send you a big thank you.

Once again thank you for all your continued support and kind comments- it is very much appreciated.

Best wishes

Ann