

22nd January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are all safe and well.

Remote Learning Survey

I would like to start by thanking those of you who took the time to respond to our questionnaire re. home learning. We are very encouraged with the feedback which clearly indicates significantly high levels of satisfaction with our efforts to support your child during this time. Perhaps most reassuring for us is that 91% of responses confirmed that you are satisfied, or highly satisfied, with our provision (with a further 8% being at least slightly satisfied). As you would expect, our task is to improve upon this wherever we can. (I will attach a summary of the feedback on the website in due course.)

Many of you have offered excellent constructive comments which have been shared with all staff and we are already making adjustments to our practice where common concerns have arisen. We are also aware that we need to support you with further clarification of issues such as feedback and setting of work. We will be providing additional support guides and information sheets in response to the key issues that have been raised.

We have closed the survey now and will continue to ask for feedback via our parent forums. Thank you to those who have volunteered to contribute, we will be in touch shortly to confirm arrangements.

As this crisis continues, I am aware of the need to be planning for remote provision after half term. I am conscious that children will continue to progress at different rates and as time goes on we will need to be increasing our support for pupils on an individual basis.

Our decision to adopt this “blended” approach to remote learning enables us to more easily provide opportunities for pupils to work at their own pace and access staff support when required. It was clear from the feedback that the flexibility of the timetable is a key strength of our provision, and many of you commented on how valuable this is to support learning and family life.

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At the risk of repeating the same message, please do not hesitate to contact any of us should you be experiencing difficulties. As you know, our staff are committed to support you whenever they can.

Laptop/Tablet donation

You may be aware that we recently tweeted a plea for donations of old laptops or tablets that we may be able to distribute to families in need. If you do feel you could help with this, please contact the school office. If you are able to donate a device, please make sure that you wipe it clean of any personal data, and I can reassure you that our IT support staff will double check and completely reset the device to initial factory settings before we loan it out.

Lateral Flow Tests

The Government guidance for use of lateral Flow Tests has changed, I will keep you updated as this guidance evolves.

I hope you all remain safe and well.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P J Bowers', with a stylized flourish underneath.

P J Bowers
Headteacher