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## Remote Learning Questionnaire

Thank you to the many parents who completed the remote learning questionnaire. It was great to see that the response was very positive about the blended learning approach we are using. There were also requests for advice and ideas to make remote learning as smooth and trouble free as possible.

Here are some suggestions you might find helpful for you and your family. It is important to understand that this is a different way of working for everyone involved, and to accept that change takes time

### You asked for help with managing time spent on remote learning each day.

Keep to a normal week day routine. Agree a family timetable that identifies clear learning time and make sure to build in breaks and down time too.

- One pattern you might find effective is:
  - Start with some physical exercise e.g. Joe Wicks
  - Followed this with an English session. This can include watching the Read Write Inc. or other videos (this is important and will explain the learning of the day) your teacher has set, completing the tasks your teacher has shared, and of course, do some reading / sharing of books. This should take approximately 1 hour.
  - Have a break.
  - The next session is maths related. Much of the work is started with a mental warm up and a White Rose video. Please do watch the video, then complete the tasks set. This is expected to take approximately 1 hour. If you have time, practising multiplication tables is always a good activity.
  - Take a break.
  - The next session is Topic based. Follow the guidance set by your teachers. Celebrate the positives achieved and chat to them about their learning.

### You asked how you can best help my child with different subjects.

It can be quite daunting to be faced with methods of working that are different to what you learned when you were at school.

Watch the videos together - they are really clear and give you the chance to discuss with your child what you are seeing. Use questions like 'I wonder why?', 'What do you think we should try?', 'That's a good idea, let's give it a go'.

The teachers are keen to see how the work is going, and are not expecting to send a perfectly completed piece of work each time! Teachers can help with any problems if you message them



with a very specific question. It is most important for you to be interested in what they are learning and encourage and praise the work your child produces.

#### *You asked for help with managing emotions*

First of all, please try to stay calm yourself. If you need to, stop the activity for a while and do something else to give you all a break if things are getting too much

Many parents have found that having a clear timetable so the children know what to expect when helps to give some structure to the days and reduce worries.

The whole home learning team (adults and children) need to be prepared to give the work a good go, but also be prepared to say that's enough for now.

Keep your teacher involved with how it's going – if we don't know, we can't help. You know what works for your child so trust yourself in helping your child.

There are many helpful websites that suggest activities that help with emotional wellbeing. We're shared some helpful links at the end.

#### *You asked for more and new resources*

Each child has a pack of resources that they used in school when we were fully open. This included pens, pencils, a white board and whiteboard pen, ruler, scissors, exercise book etc. If you have not yet collected your child's pack, or if you need any replacement items, please contact school to arrange collection.

#### *You have asked for parent consultation meetings*

Parent consultation meetings will take place next half term. Please look out for the booking form which will be circulated after half term.

You can also message your child's teacher via E-schools. To do this, type their name in the 'to' box at the top of the message. Please use your E-schools login. If you need help with resetting passwords, please call school using one of the two mobile numbers 07752 035 628 or 07595 912 653 for help.

#### *You have asked for small group sessions with teachers*

The teachers have timetabled drop in sessions for each class. These sessions will focus on the tricky bits that teachers have noted from messages and from looking at and marking work. Each session will be for a smaller number of pupils and links for the Zoom sessions will be sent directly to the specific pupils. The weekly newsletter gives a guide to the planned Zoom timetable so you can build these into your home learning team timetable.

*Useful links* – these will be shared on the weekly newsletters, but here are 3 to start you off.

[Wellbeing activities for families](#)

[Sustrans OutsideIn](#)

[BBC BiteSize](#)

Finally, try not to worry. You are doing the best that you can and that is enough. Thank you for all you are doing and keep in touch – we are here to help!



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