

Dear Parents/Carers,

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021



Thank you for your messages of support and all your hard work in supporting your children during such a challenging time, we have been delighted to see the lovely things that the children have done at home and we know how difficult it can be for you all at this time.

### **Remote Learning**

A small minority of you have requested that we provide 'live lessons' for your children. This may have been based upon the knowledge of the provision of such lessons by other schools.

You will see from our remote learning contingency plan that we may be able to offer live catch up/check in sessions for your children. These will not be able to happen until we have the correct permissions and online safety checks in place, along with adequate training for staff.

### **Acceptable Use**

Our leads have been working on this and you will have received an **Acceptable User Agreement** for electronic signature.

There are several reasons why we have made the decision not to use live lessons for your children, not least the difficulty with internet connection and access to devices at set times.

\*We believe that remote direct teaching is most effective when any explanatory input is of a pre-recorded nature which enables pupils to pause and rewind the content. (Remote education information for parents)

We have had a huge amount of positive feedback about the learning we are providing and we are basing our evaluations on this.

The government expect teachers to **interact, assess and give feedback** to children during remote learning situations, they can only do this if the children are able to engage. If you are finding it particularly difficult to access or if your child is struggling with a concept: you can contact the teacher to discuss in the first instance. Please remember that if your child is attending school, even part time, their interactions happen here.

We feel that the learning is flexible enough for you to adapt for your children but also that it can be followed on a day to day basis. There are also plenty of active/creative activities to balance out screen time.

We will do our best to support you with problems but we are not going to be able to swap to a different style of delivery than has already been planned and agreed by staff and governors following an evaluation of previous provision.

### **Engagement**

During this period we expect all children who remain at home to engage in the learning, if we don't hear from you or child we will follow up with email and phone calls. Our aim is always to support your child in accessing learning.

Thank you again for your continued support and words of thanks, we are all working incredibly hard in a difficult situation. We understand that every family situation is different but we hope that you are able to access the learning provided and to do the best that you can with your children. Home-schooling was not a choice that you made; this is an emergency situation that we have been placed in.

Please remember, we want to help, just ask (via families email address) and the teacher or another member of the team will get back to you.

With best wishes to you and your loved ones  
Melanie Smallwood