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Screen Free Friday Afternoons

Friday 22nd January 2021

Dear parents and carers

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to you and the children for your fantastic response to our move to remote learning. I also would like to commend the teaching staff for their hard work and diligence in supporting children both at home and in school, some also having to support their own children. This has meant after school many teachers are working late into the night and throughout weekends, planning activities and responding to work.

Being that we are now two weeks into the lockdown period and at the moment there is no indication from government how long that this situation will continue, we need to look at how we can adapt our plans to reduce some of the workload on our teachers but also on you and your children. Parents have also shared some concerns about the amount of time pupils are spending in front of a screen. In order to address both these situations. All classes will have screen free afternoon on Friday. This will achieve two things,

- Give your children a break from the screen by posting practical activities that do not require support from staff.
- Give teachers a time to plan and free up time over the weekend so that they can relax and recharge their batteries

This will start on Friday January 29th and will mean that teachers will not hold an online meeting in the afternoon or respond to queries during this time. This will only be during Friday afternoons and children can expect their class meetings, as normal on the other days.

We are taking part in the national voluntary testing scheme and staff will be tested twice each week from January 25th onwards. This is designed to minimise the chances of transmission of the virus and will reassure staff and pupils in school. It will not change any of our protective practices in school. We will continue to maintain space between staff and pupils where possible, continue to wear face visors and masks and observe extra hygiene practices.

Thank you for your continuing support.

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