



# Summercourt Academy

Head of School: Miss L Savage

Dear Parents and Carers,

29/1/2021

Thank you for supporting your children with their 4th week of remote learning. We appreciate that everyone's home circumstances are all different with many parents continuing to juggle several responsibilities at once. As many of us are all parents ourselves we are all in the boat with you trying to stay afloat.

Please also remember we are always here if you need any support or if you have any questions linked to remote learning. We appreciate all the responses to our remote learning survey and will be mindful of all suggestions moving forward. I am unable to respond to individual queries as the survey responses are anonymous. Please do get in touch if you submitted a specific question or concern in the comments section at the end. We will endeavour to do all we can to support and solve any concerns including any difficulties with IT devices or access to the internet/data allowances. Phone us or email us on [hello@summercourtacademy.org](mailto:hello@summercourtacademy.org)

After analysing the responses, we are suggesting that pupils have two screen free sessions each week, one on a Wednesday and one on a Friday afternoon. This time can be used for baking/craft activities/physical exercise/reward time or any mindful activities of your choice and activities you enjoy doing as a family. (If you need to do this on different afternoons due to work commitments or other family circumstance please do change the suggested afternoon).

Please focus on the reading/phonics, writing, maths, spelling, and grammar (SPAG) tasks each day - if one chosen project/science or mindful tasks are able to be completed three days a week that is great. Teachers will continue to provide a range of project/science and mindful activity options each week for pupils and parents to choose from. (As I am sure you can appreciate, the survey outcomes presented a range of different views on the amount of work set with some families happy with the amount set, some wanting more and some requesting less).

We would like to encourage all our families to complete 30 mins of daily exercise each day as part of the expected 3/4 hours of learning recommended by the Government. A walk/jog or cycle can have a huge positive impact on all our wellbeing.

We think you are all doing an amazing job. Please remember we know you are all doing all you can to support your child/children.

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## **Children's Mental Health Week - 1st - 7th February 2021**

Please see your child's remote learning platform for activities linked to supporting our children's mental health. The theme is Express Yourself - we are inviting pupils to wear a rainbow outfit during their Teams meeting - How many colours can you wear?

If your child attends the school provision on the day of their Teams meeting, they are also invited to wear rainbow colours to school.

Please be assured that we will continue to keep you informed regarding any school reopening arrangements as we have more details.

## **Important dates:**

### **INSET Dates**

12.2.21

7.6.21

23.7.21

### **Half term:** School Closed - 15th to 19th February.

Aspire academies will be closed to ALL pupils, including critical workers/vulnerable pupils, on Friday 12th February for a planned Trust INSET staff training day. INSET days are established diary dates in any given academic year and the Trust has retained this date to ensure professional development and teaching & learning best practice continues across all our academies. Academies will then remain closed to ALL pupils from w/c 15th February for half term and will reopen to critical worker/vulnerable pupils on Monday 22nd February. Eligible Free School Meals families will receive a Wonde voucher to cover the half term period. Your child(ren)'s academy will be in contact. We hope you have a restful week's break - stay safe everybody.

### **Reading book exchange/pop up library update:**

Class 1 and 2 can exchange books every Monday at the office.

Year 3 and 4 every Tuesday at the pop-up library in the hall.

Year 5 and 6 every Wednesday at the pop-up library in the hall.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss Savage and the Summercourt Team

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