



Wednesday, 27th January 2021

Dear Parents,

It is great that so many children are engaging with the **remote education** set by their class-teachers each week. We understand that everyone's circumstances are different and that working from home presents a whole host of challenges, so please do just what you can and try not to worry overly if you are unable to get everything completed. Having said that, please do get in touch with your class-teacher should you need support with IT issues or advice about how to best support your child with their learning at home.

The DfE requires schools to provide at least one opportunity each week for 'live' interaction as part of the school's remote home-education offer. As you will be aware, the class-teachers at Wendron School are going beyond this by providing daily opportunities through **Google Meet**. It is good for the children to see their class-mates, their class-teacher and to feel involved in discussions where their efforts are celebrated and their achievements shared.

What you might not be aware of, however, is that in order to fulfil our **statutory safeguarding responsibilities**, and as a duty of care to our pupils, **we are required to have sight of your child at least once per week** which makes these Google Meet sessions even more important.

Unless there is regular contact between the home and school during this period of national lockdown, *for example, work up-loaded to Google Classroom or photographs sent through Class Dojo*, and **at least a weekly opportunity for the school staff to see your child**, the school has a statutory obligation to inform the **Educational Welfare Officer** who may then make a welfare call to your child's home to check on their safety and well-being.

Please help the school to fulfil its responsibilities by assisting your child to join at least one Google Meet each week and by supporting your child with as much of the remote learning as you can reasonably manage.

Yours sincerely,

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