



Knop Law Knews



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Dear parents and families,

We have 90% engagement with remote learning. Brilliant work everyone!

The expectation of the DfE guidance states that remote learning must be completed therefore, where there are issues please contact school and we will work with you to resolve these. We have distributed the digital devices that were given to school to our children who have been struggling to access online learning however, if you are having difficulties accessing the work please get in touch with school and we will see if we can help in any way.

As you may be aware, there has been updated guidance about the best remote learning offers and although some parents are requesting live lessons, this has been identified as only one of the ways to provide online learning and may not be the best for every school. Different schools have different remote learning offers and these are linked to the number of children and staff who are in school. Schools who have low numbers attending school both in primary and secondary phases have the staffing capacity to offer some live lessons. However, at Knop Law we are unable to make this offer at present. Currently we have almost 50% of our children attending school every week. All of our classrooms are in use and all teachers are having to juggle teaching the children in school whilst supporting children who are working at home via the Seesaw app, therefore we do not have the capacity or space to deliver learning in this way. We understand that remote learning is challenging and can be a little repetitive however our staff are working extremely hard to deliver learning that is engaging and is bespoke to our school. In non COVID times it is the interactions between the staff and children that brings lessons alive and makes learning fun which is difficult to replicate remotely. In response to your requests for live lessons, we are trying to increase interactions by offering class group meetings so that children can see their friends and staff via Zoom and feedback from families is that the children are enjoying these calls. We are now currently working on how to offer these group meetings to all year groups.

As stated above, we currently have 50% of our children attending school each week. We are now at full capacity in EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. As a result of this, we are reviewing our place allocations. We acknowledge that all of our families' circumstances can change unexpectedly but can we just remind you that the message from the government is very clear, **"Home is the safest place."** The more children attending school, then the greater the potential risk to your child, other pupils, school staff and the community. So if there is someone working from home, who is able to care for your child, please keep your child at home. COVID case rates remain dangerously high and we have had another positive case in school so have had to close a bubble this week.

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