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RE Remote learning information for parents/carers

Dear Parents / Carers,

The DfE Expects the school to publish details of its remote learning offer, which can now be found on the school website under the remote learning tab. It provides you with a wealth of information regarding what you can expect from staff for your children should we be required to switch to remote education.

We appreciate that the content of the document may provide some challenges for those parents who are overseeing remote education and also juggling the demands of their own work. I think it is fair to say that the government expectations for remote learning are significantly different from the first lockdown in summer. Gone are the days of outdoor water play in the sunshine and baking cakes! Our aim now is to provide a remote learning offer that reduces the pressure on parents to 'teach' their children and that this is provided by video and live teaching for classes and groups by the class teacher or Teaching Assistants. We have also devised a timetable of sessions for the day to ensure pupils at home are available for 'work sessions' at the same time as those children in school. Please let us know how this is working for you, it is very helpful to hear your feedback and allows us to tailor provision where we can.

Our teachers and teaching assistants have been working extremely hard to provide a dual education for those critical worker children in school as well as those home learning. Their workload has doubled almost overnight and they are working long hours to reply to your emails and mark and return work giving feedback. Please bear with us if it takes a little time to get back to you. Teachers will do all they can to help but they are feeling that there aren't enough hours in the day at the moment. Thank you for your understanding with this.

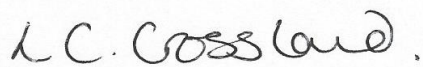
In the meantime, you can help us, help your children by:

- Ensuring your child has a suitable space to work in. The kitchen/dining room table or breakfast bar is perfectly fine.
- Ensuring that during live session the room is quiet, free of interruptions so your child can hear the adult and the other children
- Ensure your children are fed and watered at break and meal times.

- Provide your child with help to log on and off on time to begin the sessions.
- Discuss their work with them. It helps to verbalise a problem and can help find a solution.
- Provide them with positive praise and rewards when they try hard or complete work. They generally love stickers!

Should you need any further material resources, please ask your child's class teacher and we will do all we can to provide them if we have them in school.

Thank you for all you have done, and all you continue to do to support our children with their remote learning. Please remember that we are happy to help and support you in any way we can.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L.C. Crossland". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a light grey rectangular border.

Lisa Crossland
Head Teacher