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Dear parents/carers

Remote Learning survey January 2021

Thank you to the 146 parents/carers who responded to our recent survey regarding our Remote Learning. We are delighted with the outcomes – a summary of which can be found below:

<p>We asked if parents/carers would like to continue to use Zoom as a communication tool or move to TEAMS. You told us</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue to use Zoom 97 ● Move to TEAMS (requiring a s... 21 	<p>We will therefore continue to use Zoom across school as our communication and interaction tool with our children and families.</p>
<p>It is a requirement that schools are in contact with children on a daily basis. We asked if our Zoom calls should take place once a day or twice daily. You told us</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Once a day 63 ● Twice daily – morning and aft... 56 	<p>We will continue to have twice daily Zoom calls with each year group. Please note that your child only needs to attend one session. If for whatever reason your child is unable to Zoom please email year group emails to let us know. Please note if your child does not take part in our Zoom calls you must 'check in' with school via email or a phone call every day.</p>
<p>We are currently using email to share our weekly plans and activities. We asked if you would like us to continue with this email system or move to TEAMS. You told us</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue to use the email sysy... 95 ● Move to TEAMS (requiring a s... 20 ● Other 1 	<p>We will therefore continue to use our year group email system to set work for children to complete and provide timely feedback to help children progress.</p>

Please ensure that work is emailed to **year group email accounts**. Our Remote Learning Policy states that:

- *all completed reading, writing and maths work submitted by 1pm will normally receive a response by 3 p.m.*
- *when providing remote learning, teachers will be available between 8.45 – 12 noon and 1 -3 p.m.*

A small number of parents/carers have been emailing on a weekend and expecting a reply from staff. There is no expectation that staff will respond to emails during the weekend.

To further support the well-being and workload of staff from **today** onwards please:

- do not 'bulk send' work into school. We understand that some days are trickier than others however sending a series of emails with 20 attachments is not fair.
- note any work sent after **2 p.m on a Friday** will be acknowledged but will not receive feedback from staff. Staff will not respond to emails sent on a Saturday or Sunday. Thank you for your support and understanding.



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We asked our parents/carers to tell us one thing they thought is a strength of our home learning:

It's good that each day has a maths and English task clearly labelled. It's been a big help to have the other subjects allocated to a specific day too as it gives us a framework to follow. The tasks are all easy to understand and use a range of skills which is great. The regular feedback is great and really boosts his confidence and often mine as well.

Really good communication with teacher so easy to ask for help or discuss things in more detail.

The home learning worksheet is always set out well, it is simple, clear and easy to follow. The comments in the top box from the teacher make the difference as they are personalised for that class and year group.

My child enjoys his zoom sessions and enjoys seeing his teachers and friends.

I like the way the activities are presented. We can easily follow what we are expected to do each day. We try to follow the timetable as our home circumstances allow.

There is not too much so it is not too much pressure for working parents. I know other schools are having zoom learning all day which would be very hard to manage.

Happy with everything at the minute, I like the promotion of well-being especially through these confusing times for the children I know it is keeping (my child) relaxed.

Safe, flexible both for parent and children.

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We also asked our parents/carers to tell us one thing they would like us to consider about our home learning. Please find below a selection of comments and our response:

Comment from parent/carer	School's response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons on videos with the teachers (only if you have time I can imagine that would be time consuming) • Live teaching • More interaction with the teacher for the children, in terms of more time, I think the children would like that. 	<p>All available staff- teachers, teaching assistants, office staff and other support staff are in school working due to the numbers of children of critical workers and vulnerable children in school. The workload of staff is incredibly high.</p> <p>As a school we will not be live teaching. Our recorded teaching time is through Oak National Academy. This decision is to safeguard both children and staff whilst also taking into consideration staff commitments within school and work commitments and restrictions of families at home. Although the expectation is that only one zoom session needs to be attended, parent/carers and children are welcome to attend both. This may help with daily routines and interaction with class teachers.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other schools are managing lessons through an app or doing live and having witnessed this feel this works much better. 	<p>Every school is doing the best that they can with the challenges they are facing. As always no two schools are the same. As above, our staff are working extremely hard to cater for both children at home and in school. At this time we need to consider the wellbeing of every member of our school. Following the results of this survey, we are confident that our Remote Education offer is suitable for all.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A teaching guide would be useful for parents should they not understand some of the subjects. 	<p>We understand that some of the content covered can be tricky in places. If you have any concerns regarding methods or approaches, please contact the class teacher via their year group email address with your concerns and staff will be able to help.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perhaps an online ZOOM PE session 	<p>We are continuously reviewing our home learning offer and welcome any suggestions. We are now registered with YogaBugs which can be accessed from home via the Yogabugs portal. Here you will find lots of activities to supplement the weekly home learning set.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That as parents we are trying our very best! 	<p>We fully acknowledge how difficult it is and appreciate your continued support for your children. As always, the wellbeing of your child and family is most important and must take priority at this challenging time. Please complete what is possible and ensure your child is happy.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some work sheets for the children to complete. Some cutting/sticking/gluing. 	<p>We are continuously reviewing our home learning offer and welcome any suggestions. Please email class teachers if you feel there is a particular type of activity your child enjoys and would like to complete. Staff are working hard to ensure that a variety of activities are set each week, taking into consideration children's interests, our school curriculum and resources available at home.</p>

Thank you again to everyone who took the time to complete the survey. We truly value the input from parent/carers and will continue to work in partnership to ensure that we can provide the best for all of our children and families at this time and in the future. Regarding home learning, please continue to ensure that you do as much or as little as suits your individual circumstances – you know your child(ren) best and we want them to be safe and happy. As always, please contact school if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,
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