

The Learning for Life Partnership

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you very much to those of you who completed the remote learning survey. We are delighted that, with over 500 responses (45%) across the trust, the vast majority of you are very happy with the offer:

- 96% of parents/carers agree that the communication has been good.
- 87% agree their child understands the teacher's expectations
- 84% agree their child receives good feedback
- 95% agree they can communicate well with the class teacher
- 84% agree they understand the school's expectation on them as a parent/carer
- 89% agree that the resources are easily available
- 79% agree there is a good balance of online and paper-based activities
- 87% agree their child's school has been well led and managed through lockdown

We recognise that families have different needs during this difficult time; some parents are working from home; some families are using grandparents to support and some families are taking their children to work with them. We will never be able to accommodate everybody's individual requirements but the response shows that our remote learning offer is working for the vast majority of you.

As Ofsted have said in their paper 'What's working well in remote education' (11.01.21)

"Some think that a live lesson is the 'gold standard' of remote education. This isn't necessarily the case. Live lessons have a lot of advantages.... But live lessons are not always more effective than asynchronous approaches.....Different approaches to remote education suit different types of content and pupils. Mixed models may be effective in some cases."

As a trust, we don't believe that primary age pupils should be sat in front of a screen all day. This was our rationale behind offering a mix of paper-based, online and live sessions.

In the survey, some of you commented on the amount of printing that was needed. We have fed this back to the schools and where printing is needed and you need support with this, the schools will provide a pack that you can pick up.

Some of you are also asking for more flexibility with the timing of work being completed. Please speak to individual teachers if you are struggling to ensure the work is completed and they will work with you to come to an agreement.

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Each school has a remote learning policy in place that can be found on the school website but in summary, all schools will offer:

- A minimum of approximately one-hour of live sessions four days per week via Zoom which could be split (year 1 and above)
- Other opportunities for your child to check in with a teacher or teaching assistant (phone, email, Zoom, online portals)
- Continuation of the broad and balanced curriculum as it would have been in school (albeit with different activities)
- Regular feedback on learning (the way this is done will vary by school but may include Padlet, Purple Mash, Tapestry, Showbie, email or verbally through the live sessions)
- Daily activities for maths, English and a foundation subject
- A screen free/well-being afternoon for every child (to be rolled out in the next few weeks)

We know this is a difficult time but working together, we will come through the other side and bounce back to normal times with a smile.

In the words of Martin Luther King,

“If you can’t fly, then run
If you can’t run, then walk
If you can’t walk, then crawl
But whatever you do,
You have to keep moving forward.”

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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