5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Remote Learning via Purple Mash

Thank you all for your quick and understanding responses to the notification from the Government that we have to keep the school open for children of critical workers and children with vulnerabilities, and provide remote learning for all other pupils at home.

We are keen, as you will be that children continue to build on the strong progress they made over last term and that learning continues to takes place at a high standard, while accepting the limitations of home learning and unique circumstances of every family – we can all just do the best we can!

Teachers are very keen to keep in daily personal (virtual!) contact with children and they will aim to personally start and end the day with their own class. There will be up to three other "teaching inputs" during the day, delivered by class teachers, another the teacher in the year group (live or recorded) or by an external teacher resource.

This will feel very different to our previous remote learning provision during the first lockdown; feedback from parents of 6C who had to isolate before Christmas was extremely positive, so we are using pretty much the same model now. We are very aware that that there are limitations in terms of your time, and computer resource. All sessions will be recorded and will be available to be accessed at a later stage. Please see the attached Code of Conduct for Remote Learning; it is essential that this is read and understood and consent is given.

Research, and feedback, from 6C strongly recommends a structured timetabled approach whenever possible; it is designed to make it easier for you to establish and maintain a home learning environment and to create a sense of community; but we are very aware it won't work for everyone all of the time. Any changes will be communicated via the class blog.

Year Group	Morning Register/ Welcome	Teaching Input 1	Break	Teaching Input 2	Lunch	Teaching Input 3	End of Day Register & story	End of Day
Years R, 3,	8.50-9.00	9.25-9.40	10.30-10.50	10.50-11.05	11.45-12.45	12.45-1.00	2.15-2.30	2.50
Years 1, 5, 6	9.00-9.10	9.40-9.55	10.45-11.05	11.05-11.20	12.15-1.15	1.15-1.30	2.30-2.45	3.00
Years 2, 4	9.10-9.20	9.55-10.10	11.00-11.20	11.20-11.35	12.45-1.45	1.45-2.00	2.45-3.00	3.10

We are using an element of staggered timings, to increase the chance of computer equipment being available for live sessions in households with more than one child – it also reduces crowding in school where we will have approximately 100 children attending each day.

Teachers will post a zoom link to a morning register/welcome session at least 10 minutes before the start of the day. During this zoom call, teachers will outline expectations, share the timetable for the day and remind children how to access work and ask questions.

Whilst in Reception, the teachers will always welcome the children in the morning and at the end of the day with an activity /story. The rest of the day will not be as structured. Teachers will post videos to support learning and teach live as appropriate. This will always be clear on the daily blog. Suggested activities will be posted alongside resources that you might like to use. Please use Tapestry to upload photos of your child's learning. Independent play is very important and we would expect that your child should have plenty of opportunity for this.

If children have a question about their learning, they should post it on the class blog and, if posted prior to 2:00pm, teachers will try to respond to it before the end of the day. Any questions received after this time, will not be responded to until the following day. Children will receive daily feedback on their work.

If parents need to contact their teacher, please email year.1@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk (please change the number for your year group). Reception emails are Caterpillars or Ladybirds @.....

For any other issue relating to teaching and learning, please contact school via deputy@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk .

For any technical issues, for example login issues with Purple Mash, please email techsupport@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk .

Please note these are for parental use only and any children's queries should be posted on the blog.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can be of any help.

Kind regards

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