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Dear Parents/Carers

I just wanted to write and thank those of you who managed to join us last Thursday and for sharing your experiences and how you are finding remote learning with your child/children at home. We are fully aware of the time and commitment that is required from you in order for us to keep up your child's teaching and learning, so thank you. Thank you also to the parents who were unable to attend the meeting but took the time to email me with your gratitude and support for the work that the school has done in order to offer this level of remote learning at such short notice.

Following on from the meeting Miss Jones has:

- Produced a document posted under files in Teams showing you the structure of the day, when input will take place and when independent tasks will be set, to support your organisation at home.
- Also included on the document is what is required to be returned to school.
- Has made clear in the document that the children are expected in school for afternoon registration and assembly. After that if you feel that your child is tired, please feel free to remove them from the afternoon session, having informed Miss Jones via SLT email that is what you would like to do the day before.
- For those of you who read lots at home there is no need for your child to re-join the class for DEAR time.
- A less formal social time has been planned on a Friday afternoon – please see the class time table.

From our point of view in school we have also reflected on the learning in the classroom and there are some expectations that we would like to share with you.

### **Work that is being set**

It is expected that a child will join the teacher and take a full part in the lesson before the work is completed. I am sure that you can imagine, if a child turns up to a lesson having already completed the work they have missed out on the opportunity to learn with the class. Learning is not just about writing down the answers it is a complex interplay between teacher and pupil where they build on understanding by introducing and reinforcing new concepts. When a child announces that they have already done the work, it completely misses the point of the nature of teaching and learning. It is also extremely off putting for the other children who have come ready to learn. Moving forward, if this happens the child who has completed the work already will be asked to leave the lesson and re-join when the rest of the children have been given the opportunity to learn and complete their work.

### **The Chat Function**

This can be used by parents should they need to contact the teacher if their child is stuck. Every time this function is used, the laptop gets a notification. The teacher has to stop to read the notification and this breaks up the flow of the lesson. I am sure you can imagine this can be distracting to the classroom when used unnecessarily. This is not to be used by parents to communicate with one another. Before using the

chat function, please listen carefully to instructions at the start of the lesson and try to work out for yourselves the work that is needed first.

### **Parental Role**

The role of the parent during remote learning is to support their child. We do not expect any parents to speak to the teacher or anyone else in the meeting during a teaching session. If any parent is unhappy about any aspect of the lesson and would like to speak to the teacher about it or any concerns they might have about their child's learning they must wait until after the lesson has finished and only then contact the school office or email SLT to make an appointment.

If a parent tries to challenge a teacher in front of the class at any time, they will be removed from the Teams meeting and will not be readmitted until they have had the opportunity to discuss the matter with the teacher in an appropriate manner.

I would like to thank you for the uploading of your children's work so quickly, it really helps Miss Jones to keep on top of the children's learning and her work load.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs C Howells**  
**Acting Headteacher**

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