

Update for parents

Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all doing OK and you are keeping well. We have now reached the end of our fifth week of this lockdown and everyone is feeling the impact in different ways. Many of the children are getting a little weary and they will be missing their friends a lot. Hopefully we will be able to get them back into school soon and we can get back to normal as soon as it is safe to do so. We are missing having all the children in school and we can't wait to get back to some sort of normality – in the meantime we will continue to do our best to keep in touch with them and keep them in touch with one another.

As a school we are working hard to provide the right amount of work for the children. The government expectation is that KS2 children should be doing 4 hours a day and KS1 children should be doing 3 hours. We therefore need to ensure we are posting this amount of work on our online platforms. I have received feedback from some parents who are finding the amount of work quite challenging. If your child is finding the workload too much please do not feel pressured to get it all done. You can message the staff through Seesaw and Tapestry to let them know. It is important that the children engage in the remote learning and do what they can, but we absolutely do not want to see children get stressed, anxious or tearful about their work. If this is how they are reacting please take the pressure off and take a break.

No screen Friday

Fridays will now be 'no screen Friday'. This allows children to have a break from the routines of remote learning and participate in some more creative and fun learning with family members. The activities will hopefully provide time for you to share something with your children, have some fun and relax a bit before the weekend.

Pastoral support

The school is here to offer support for families who are experiencing difficulties during this time. If you are having problems with accessing the remote learning we can provide you with a laptop. If you are under a lot of financial pressure please get in touch with me or Mrs Silins and we can do what we can to help with food and other basic necessities. We are also here just to listen and offer support if you are worried about your children and how they are coping or you are dealing with challenging behaviour. Please do not hesitate to pick up the phone and talk to us.

Survey about Remote Learning

Thank you to everyone who has responded already to the remote learning survey sent out yesterday. We have had some really lovely responses and I will share these with the staff.

Internet Safety

Gloucestershire Schoolbeat officers have produced a top tip video for internet safety. You can view this on our website here.

You can also find information about keeping children safe on line at the following websites:

Internet Matters. Org

<https://www.internetmatters.org>



National Online Safety
<https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

Think you know
www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Safer Internet
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Child Net
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

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