

Friday, 15 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are at the end of the first full week of Frontline School and Remote Learners. A huge thank you to you all for supporting all of our children this week, especially those learning at home.

It has been lovely to see so many children engaging with their learning online this week. We are very conscious that supporting your children at home comes with juggling other children, other responsibilities and possibly your own work too. Staff are delighted with the levels of engagement over the week. Please encourage your child(ren) to keep doing their very best and tell them that we are all very proud of them for adapting so quickly too!

It has also been lovely to see our Frontline School children over the week who are all settling into their new routines well - as much as they are missing their friends too.

New Routines

As you can imagine, it has been a huge shift in practice for the staff over the last week to move from only classroom teaching to a mix of classroom and remote teaching. Staff are working tirelessly to ensure the support and feedback to both sets of children is fair and equal during each lesson. Routines are gradually being established and I am sure that as these become embedded over time any initial glitches will be smoothed out - thank you for your patience and understanding as this happens.

Home/School Communication

Our online platforms of Tapestry, SeeSaw and Google Classroom allow for direct access to staff. Many parents and carers are finding this useful in terms of questions, support and feedback around learning and this direct access means that staff can respond as quickly as they can during a lesson. I would, however, ask, that messages are kept to issues around teaching and learning only and sent during core school hours - Monday-Friday 8am-4pm.

Our main line of communication between school and home is through the Parent Hub app. If you haven't signed up already, please do. It is available from the usual app stores and is straightforward to download and register. If you have any questions or issues registering please contact the school office.

Free School Meals

The Free School Meal vouchers have been distributed this week for those families who are eligible. Please contact the school office if you haven't yet received your voucher or if you have any problems with them. We are delighted to be able to keep our school kitchen open during this lockdown to continue to provide hot dinners for those in school.

Parent Voice

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the Parent Voice form online. I am really interested in your thoughts and feedback and I am already reflecting and reviewing from the responses that have already been submitted. If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to complete it if you can.

I hope that you all have a good weekend. Take care and stay safe and we look forward to seeing the children back next week - either in school or online.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Mould'.

Mrs Mould
Acting Headteacher