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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very settled week this week in terms of the children in Frontline School and, from what I am hearing from staff and parents, in terms of the Remote Learning. I am hearing that new routines, timetables and technological skills are becoming more established and “normal” and that staff and children are settling into the new way of teaching and learning across the school.

We are delighted with the levels of engagement from our home learners and enjoy seeing the work that they are posting as well as home activities too! Please tell the children that we are very proud of them and to keep it up!

Our Frontline School children are also now settled into their new routines and are enjoying broadly the same activities as our home learners.

Thank you to you, as parents and carers, for supporting your children through these new routines and thank you to the staff, too, for their support of children in school and at home.

### **Parent Voice**

Thank you to those of you who have completed our Parent Voice form. If you haven't yet done so and would like to, please copy and past the following link.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yC97F21ekt4fqdRSvoz2p83twRpvH-PLZGB-fKb5Gf4/edit#responses>

The form will be live until the middle of next week. There has been lots of positive feedback and also some concerns. I am now beginning to analyse the feedback as a whole to ensure we maintain and continue the positives and loom to improve or “tweak” our provision where we can.

### **Connectivity**

We are very aware that learning from home can put pressure on internet access and mobile data. Several of the phone networks are offering extra data and this can be applied for through school. There are also ways of supporting families with extra internet access if needed. If you would like to explore these options, please get in touch with the school office (admin.osb@ebor.academy).

### **Home School Communications**

Thank you for responding so positively to the request that messaging staff is only Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. The staff very much appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

We know that children connecting with each other, especially during this time, is hugely important to them. Staff have, however, reported a few incidents this week of children posting less than kind comments to each other on See Saw and Google Classroom. We would very much appreciate you reminding your children that only positive and encouraging comments are allowed on See Saw and to be kind to their friends and classmates and to think of how others might be feeling at this time.

### **Well Being**

The mental health and well being of all our children is always a high priority and is so especially at this time. Now learning routines are established and running more smoothly, we are beginning to look at ways of enhancing our Well Being provision, both for our home learners and Frontline School children. We know from the Child Voice form, from the weekly check ins and from parent feedback, that there are some concerns around well being.

Next week, I shall be working with the staff to look at ways of having a specific focus each week on Well Being activities. If you have any specific ideas to suggest around this issue, please contact me via the admin email address above.

### **Parking**

Please could I ask that, especially at the end of the day around the 3.15pm collection time, that you park outside of the school grounds. Due to the extended hours of Frontline School and the Cleaning Teams coming onto site, we have members of staff coming and going around that time and some are finding themselves blocked in or without a parking space. We also have parents who require the disabled parking spaces when collecting. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation with this.

### **Free School Meals**

The Free School Meal vouchers system is running well and vouchers are being distributed to those who are eligible. If you have any issues with your vouchers or if, during lockdown, your circumstances change and you think you may become eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the school office and a member of the Admin Team will be happy to discuss this with you.

I hope you all have a great weekend - thank you for a really good week this week.

Best wishes



Mrs Mould  
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