

Friday, 8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to thank you for your kind words and emails regarding our online provision. Every member of our team is working hard to provide the best provision and support for all our learners, whether in school or working remotely and, as you understand, with very little notice.

This situation is certainly not ideal and not one that we wanted for our school community. The expectations of the provision of education for the children during this lockdown are quite different from the first and wanted to write and update you all, once more, with some of the finer detail issued last evening.

It is really important that we ensure that all children make the progress they need to so they are ready for the next step of their education.

To this end, we are delivering the school's curriculum offer to all our children. The children working from home are receiving the same curriculum and learning as those in school and we ask that you support us with this as much as you can.

The guidance from the government is:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/950510/School_national_restrictions_guidance.pdf

The remote education provided should be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school and will include both recorded or live direct teaching time, and time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently. The amount of remote education provided should be, as a minimum:

- Key Stage 1: 3 hours a day on average across the cohort, with less for younger children
- Key Stage 2: 4 hours a day

We will be following this guidance when providing your child's remote learning.

We have all been heartened by the high standard of work that your children are returning – your support in this is invaluable and we are all so grateful for your commitment in the face of this challenge. The feedback you have shared with us has been overwhelmingly positive and your suggestions have served to guide us as we continually seek to fine-tune and improve our offer. Once again, it's that sense of the TG family community pulling together that I know will make this a success.

I feel it important that we share the expectations with you and that you have an understanding that all schools will be monitored for their remote learning provision and may have a visit from Ofsted to discuss it.

We will:



- find time in the school day to answer any queries you have and look at the children's work that has been submitted.
- Offer support if you are having any difficulties with accessing learning at home. Please let us know.
- Continue to use our school and class reward systems for children working from home. Golden Bricks will be issued and mounted on the wall in school, Diddy and Distinction Dots will be recorded and issued on return and the Star of the Week will be delivered electronically.
- Deliver Collective Worship on a Monday and Wednesday which will be made accessible to all children
- Deliver a Celebration Worship on a Friday where we will: celebrate the achievement of all children; celebrate birthdays and issue the Star of the Week, via Teams.
- Update you with any changes

The delivery of remote learning will be different across classes, especially when comparing Reception to Year 3 for example as the learning approaches differ for each year group.

Teachers are making clear to students their expectations for returning pieces of work so that they are able to mark and assess the learning that day and then plan feedback and next steps. We appreciate that with your own work commitments, this may at times prove challenging. Please let your class teacher and /or me know so that we can discuss how we can help.

As you can imagine, our staff, like you, are juggling many balls - teaching in school, planning and delivering remote learning, feeding back on work submitted, answering queries as well as caring and organising their own families. So that our teachers can maintain their own mental and physical well-being, I am asking you that there should be no expectation for them to respond to evening emails. If you do need to contact anyone as a matter of urgency, then please send the message through to me, gray.m@welearn365.com.

I think you all know how proud I am to be part of this particular school community. I find myself feeling this more than ever now, when we are facing such tremendous challenges, and so I thank you all, from the bottom of my heart, for all that you are doing to support us and your children. Together...we will shine!

Keep safe and well.

Best wishes,



Mary Gray
Head of School

