



Developing Potential without Limitations

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and safe at home. It does now look as though we will be continuing to be working in this very different way for at least the next half term after Easter and so the staff and I are busy planning the curriculum for after Easter with distance learning in mind.

We have had some requests for online lessons and conference calls, and, whilst we understand that there are lots of useful apps, we do have to place some parameters around what can reasonably be expected of the teaching staff when they are also at home with their own children and families, and trying to balance work and home life in this new and challenging scenario. We also have to factor in that our staff are now on a rota for child care provision should it be required during the Easter holidays and therefore some staff are already taking holiday time now, rather than in the normal two week holiday to ensure we have cover when needed.

We have therefore put together this list of expectations for how we will manage the learning for the foreseeable future in order to maintain a balanced workload for both teachers and parents in the coming months.

- Daily activities will be uploaded to the website class pages: 1x English, 1x Maths and 1x Topic
- Other suggested resources and activities for extra learning will be signposted, but are not essential.
- Work will be a balance of online and non-online learning in recognition that some pupils may not have access to a computer every day.
- Parents are not expected to be teachers so most activities will be ones that the pupils should be able to complete independently and build on prior learning that has already taken place in school.
- Activities completed should not be sent in for marking, but if marking is needed then any answer sheet will be uploaded for parents once the children have had a chance to complete the work so you can go through the answers with your child.
- As parents and pupils would like to share photos of special work or projects the children have been completing at home with their class teachers, an email address for each class is in the process of being set up but **PLEASE NOTE** Teachers will not routinely be asking for work to be submitted in this way and this is not a tool for individual marking & feedback as the staff will not have the capacity within their workload to use it as such.
- Non-live video messages are up to the individual teacher and there is no expectation on staff to produce videos as they may not have the facility to do so from home.
- Where possible staff will provide a link to a published resource for learning if needed and there are some great tutorials available on the platforms we are already sharing with you.



- Teachers have been given safeguarding advice from their unions not to live stream lessons from home for safeguarding reasons and therefore will not be able to use 'zoom', 'skype' or other conferencing apps from home to contact pupils and parents.
- For the same reason, teaching staff will not be making individual telephone calls to pupils and families from their homes. If you need some more specific advice or are worried about anything, please use the Parent Reps or the class emails to contact us and we will get back to you as soon as possible.
- There will be no activities listed during the period of the Easter holidays from 6/04/2020 through to 17/04/2020

As a staff we will keep these guidelines and expectations under review and should we find other solutions we can safely use from home within the capacity of our work-life balance, we will share these with you after Easter.

As per my previous letter, please pace yourselves. Everything we have sent home with the children is for you to use as you see fit, it is not a prescription or an enforced timetable: it is simply the best mix of remote learning we are able to offer at this point. If you use it every day, that's great, if you use it once a week because that is all you can manage, it is not a problem. You must put your and your family's needs first.

The most important thing right now is that we all stay fit and healthy at home to enable the spread to be contained and therefore get back to normal life and learning as soon as possible.

With all best wishes



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