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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now three weeks into the latest school closure to most children and it feels as if we are settling into a routine, both in school and with our remote learners, despite everything that is being thrown our way. Thanks once again for all of your support in these challenging times.

Feedback on Remote Learning

Thank you to the many parents that completed our survey regarding our remote learning offer. Your responses were overwhelmingly positive; thank you for that. It is lovely for our staff who are working tirelessly on the content to hear how well received it is. The broad outcomes were as follows:

- 100% of parents felt our remote learning was an improvement from the first lockdown.
- 98% of parents felt it was easy to access the work online.
- 100% of parents felt the quality of the remote learning was of high or good quality.
- 87% of parents felt their child was getting the right amount of remote learning.
- 87% of parents felt their child got enough feedback on their remote learning.
- 97% of parents didn't mind our keeping in touch (KIT) calls.

We have reflected on the responses regarding feedback and have taken the following steps as a result of this survey.

- We are going to work harder to ensure the points allocated to questions work as they should so the instant feedback you child gets is correct.
- Your child will be asked to regularly submit a longer piece of writing as part of their English. They will receive written feedback via e-mail. Details will follow from your child's teacher.
- We are going to promote the call-backs you or your child can get if they are struggling with the work. To date only 50% of children have accessed this kind of support.
- In some lessons we will build the answers to the FORMS questions in at the end of the video so the child can get instant feedback on their learning. We hope this will be particularly useful in the maths lessons.

We will continue to review our remote learning offer to ensure it works for our families.

Engagement with Remote Learning

We know it can be really hard getting your child to engage with home learning; those of us who are also parents share your pain! Despite this our engagement levels are really good in really challenging circumstances; well done to you and your child for this.

If you are struggling to get your child to engage with their home learning please let us know as we want to support you and them.

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If your child is in school part time as a child of a critical worker please try to do the remote learning with them on the days they are not at school. This can be found on the school website online learning tab.

Please keep up the good work and let us know if you need any support.

COVID19 Testing For School Staff

From next week all staff in school will be able to undertake twice weekly COVID19 Lateral Flow Tests. We are really pleased with this development as it keeps our whole school community safer. Parents of critical workers and vulnerable children should note that with this testing in place the chance of a positive test in school goes up and with that the possibility of a bubble closure increases. If we do need to close a bubble we will give you as much notice as we can but it is possible you will be informed that morning. Apologies in advance if this does happen however it is unavoidable. If critical worker or vulnerable bubble does close the children should switch to the online provision where they can.

Devices

We still have a number of devices. If your child is working on a mobile phone, old device or is sharing devices with siblings (or you!) please let us know. We have devices waiting to go out that we love to be used.

Children Eligible for Means Tested Free School Meals.

All parents eligible for Free School Meals should now have received their £30 Co-op voucher for the first two weeks of this term. You should also have received your weekly ongoing vouchers from Edenred. If you have any issues with these vouchers please contact the school office. We have been notified by Lincolnshire County Council parents will receive support during the half term holiday in the same way they did at Christmas. We will be allocating vouchers via the Wonde platform as we did last time. Further information will follow nearer the time.

Support

If you need any sort of support please get in touch. We can help with food, parenting, behaviour, mental health and remote learning to name just a few areas. Despite not being open to all children we are still here to support and serve our whole school community.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Smith
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