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13th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in our second week of this term and our days continue to look very different. To those parents who are supporting their children with remote learning at home I just wanted to say a big thank you. You have been very patient and understanding when we have had technical issues and we continue to work to ensure that we are addressing these as they occur. The class teachers have been contacting families with support and continue to set daily remote learning and feedback to support learning during this time.

It has been lovely to see the children on the google meet sessions and we hope that as we move forward we will be able to support all families to be able to access these easily and regularly and that they become part of our weekly routines.

Restricting Attendance in school during the national lockdown

We have received updated guidance for schools

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

In relation to restricting attendance in school over this lockdown period, it states:

*During the period of national lockdown, schools should allow only vulnerable children and the children of critical workers to attend. All other pupils and students should not attend and should learn remotely until February half term. **Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.***

As a school, we are working incredibly hard to ensure that we are following guidance set out by the government, following a robust risk assessment here within school and doing all that we can to keep our children, staff and the community safe. You can read the updated risk assessment in relation to numbers in school <https://allsaintsmarsh-lap.co.uk/news/letters-parents/>

The number of positive cases of COVID continue to rise across the country and locally and we need to ensure the numbers of children that attend school are as low as possible.

I would urge you, at this critical time in the national effort, to consider very carefully if your child needs to take a place in school or if they can work safely from home using the remote learning platform. By reducing the number of children in school, we continue to ensure that our children, staff and community stand an increased chance of being safe. Please also note that, if you feel that it is absolutely necessary for your child to attend school, that they **only do so on required days** (they do not need to attend each day if this is not required).



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Thank you to parents who have already looked at their work patterns and arrangements and are only sending their children into school when it is absolutely necessary and have supported us to reduce daily numbers.

Please do understand that (once it is safe to do so and we are allowed to by government guidance) we are really looking forward to a time when we can all be together once again and have the children back in school. However, now is the time to be cautious and to carefully consider our individual part in the national effort and how we can work together to come out of this situation sooner rather than later.

Remote Learning

I also want to take this opportunity to provide you with some reassurance regarding remote learning. As a staff here at school, we know that you will all be doing your best with remote learning. We completely understand the different situations that many of you find yourselves in at this time. The vast majority of you did not train to be teachers and you now find yourselves in a position where this has become a daily part of your life - that can be tough!

I know some of you have had concerns this week regarding how much work you have been able/unable to complete, the time spent on lessons, keeping the children motivated etc. Please know that if you are experiencing this that you are not alone! The message that I would like you to remember at this time is to be kind to yourself. Some days you may find learning together at home easier than others. The last thing that we want you to do is to become disheartened with your efforts as I know that you will all be very conscious of what you are doing. It is key to discuss any concerns with your child's class teacher so that we can support you as we move forward.

As I have said, each family is different and faces their own unique situation - you need to work in a way that is the best for you and your children. Please do not feel as though you need to spend time 'catching up' at the evenings and weekends! Working in this way does not always lead to desired outcomes and it is important that you also enjoy time together as a family, to relax and look after your wellbeing. As always we are here to support you.

Best Wishes

Mrs Edwards

Head of Academy