

# No 1 Multi Academy Trust for disadvantaged pupils' outcomes

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26<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this email finds you and your families well. We are now in the 4th week of partial school closures and remote learning during this 3rd National Lockdown. We are missing being a whole school community and the teachers are working hard to keep contact with their children and families by communicating through Google Classroom, Tapestry, live sessions, phone calls home and emails. Please do engage with your teachers and communicate how things are going so that we can continually improve our communication and support for our families. Never hesitate to contact us if you would like any support.

***Virtual Coffee Morning! 11am Wednesday 27.01.21***

### **Another Chance to Connect this Wednesday 27th January**

We will be hosting a weekly live session for parents to join together virtually. The session this week will be hosted by myself and Miss Burton and is an opportunity to check-in with each other and for us to be on hand to answer any queries and offer any support we can. Please email [allsaints@lapsw.org](mailto:allsaints@lapsw.org) or text us via MyEd if you would like to join us and we will send you the link. We look forward to seeing you there for a chat and don't forget your cuppa!

### **Remote Learning and Live Sessions**

It has been wonderful to see so many of you engaging so well with your learning at home. We really do know how challenging it is for you all but we are pleased to see that many of our home heroes are engaging every day or nearly every day with the learning that their teachers have set for them. As I have said before, please be kind to yourself and if you need further help or support, please just contact your child's class teacher and they will help with adapting the learning even more. We know that the children are starting to need different stimulus to keep them engaged and we are continually looking at other ways to engage the children - look out for more videos from your teachers to support remote learning coming up this week!

The live sessions with teachers have gone especially well now that we have ironed out most of the technical difficulties and it has been lovely to see so many children on them. Keep connecting with your teacher as we also know that your friends love to see you, too. During these sessions, could we please ask that all children are dressed appropriately when they attend rather than wearing their pyjamas etc. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Plea for Laptops**

We are still waiting to receive our Government allocation of 10 laptops to distribute to families but we actually have many more families who would really benefit from having a laptop or chromebook / tablet to use at home to access learning. If anyone has an old laptop at home that they no longer



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need as it may have been replaced etc. and would like to donate this to the school, we would love to accept it. We have a team who work across our Trust who can repurpose them for our children to use. It would be great if you could also ask other members of your family or colleagues. Thank you – any donations will be gratefully received.

### **Testing for Primary School Staff**

As you may be aware from media reports, lateral flow testing will be available for primary school staff from this week. Lateral flow devices are used to detect asymptomatic cases. These are an additional measure to be used alongside the robust identification, isolation and testing of symptomatic pupils and staff to detect cases and break chains of transmission. Staff without symptoms (asymptomatic) will be invited to undertake weekly testing using the lateral flow devices. Any staff with symptoms, will continue to isolate and test through the national testing network.

### **Teacher Absence and Illness**

I am sharing here links to the updated versions of our Remote Learning Guide for Parents for both Y1-6 and Reception children (EYFS), there is a section about teacher illness.

EYFS Remote Learning Guide [https://allsaintsmarsh-lap.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/EYFS-Remote-Learning-Plan\\_-Information-for-Parents-UPDATED-JAN-2021.pdf](https://allsaintsmarsh-lap.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/EYFS-Remote-Learning-Plan_-Information-for-Parents-UPDATED-JAN-2021.pdf)

Y1-6 Remote Learning Guide

[https://allsaintsmarsh-lap.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Y1-to-Y6-Remote-Learning-Plan\\_-Information-for-Parents-UPDATED-JAN-2021.pdf](https://allsaintsmarsh-lap.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Y1-to-Y6-Remote-Learning-Plan_-Information-for-Parents-UPDATED-JAN-2021.pdf)

Unfortunately, there will be times when teachers are ill and at these times, feedback on learning will not be possible in the same way. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding with this.

Thank you for your ongoing support, please look after yourselves and keep in touch. I hope to see some of you at our virtual coffee morning tomorrow!

With my very best wishes

*Mrs Edwards*

Head of Academy