

**Remote learning update**

Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to give you a further update on the Academy's approach to remote learning.

Last week we got off to an excellent start with the home learning that took place across the school in all year groups. As you know, we have structured the sessions so that the home learning is, where possible, planned and delivered by your child's class teacher. As we progress this will allow the teachers to plan progressive learning sequences as they would if the children were in school. I am sure that you will all agree that the staff are doing a great job.

**Blended learning**

As in my previous correspondence we are adopting a 'blended learning' approach as this is accepted as the most productive and effective way of delivering remote learning. Blended learning simply means that your child will receive their educational provision through a range of formats and technologies. A large proportion of the learning will take place via 'Live' zoom sessions and I know that you are mostly all familiar with how these work. The length and structure of the sessions will vary in line with the learning outcomes for the sessions and your child's class teacher will judge the way the learning is managed. This may mean that some sessions are longer than others and this simply reflects what would happen in the classroom in terms of teacher input.

There may also be some tasks that are set via our online platform **Class Dojo** and these will be set through the teacher posting the task and resources online. There will always be an introductory zoom lesson in the morning that will enable the teacher to explain the task. Teachers will also be in constant contact via class dojo to feedback and monitor the tasks that are being posted by children. It is also likely that some sessions may involve other online resources and activities which will be set up and explained by the class teachers.

You will all receive weekly remote learning schedules that will give you an indication of the tasks and learning that will be taking place. Teachers will continue to take registers and monitor engagement with home learning to enable us to support you and your children where we can. We got off to a good start last week with 82% of our pupils accessing their lessons and we are hoping that this will improve further this week.

**Zoom session protocols**

Could I please ask that all children are suitably prepared for the zoom lessons. This includes:

- Children have the resource packs ready (pencils, books, whiteboards etc)
- Children are dressed and ready for the sessions (not in their pyjamas)
- Children work sat at a table where possible to enable them to focus and engage fully
- Distractions in the room are kept to a minimum where possible (pets, siblings, no TVs on etc)
- Children upload completed work to Class Dojo as requested by the class teachers

We are trying to raise the profile of home learning and want it to be as effective as possible for the children. The above expectations will enable the sessions to have the maximum impact on pupils' learning and progress.

I would like to thank all parents once again for your efforts in supporting home learning for your children, we know how challenging this can be. Our resources and strategies are continually evolving and we look forward to seeing how remote learning progresses further in the coming weeks.

Many thanks, as always for your continued support

Mr Parkinson