

15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to thank you for your support in helping us to make our remote learning provision as strong as possible. Every member of our team is working hard to provide the best provision and support for all our learners, whether in school or working remotely and as you understand, with very little notice. This situation is certainly not ideal and not one that we wanted for our school community.

The expectations of the provision of education for the children during this lockdown is quite different from the first. It is really important that we ensure that all children make the progress they need so they are ready for the next step of their education.

National expectations around remote learning has recently changed:

***The remote education provided should be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school and will include both recorded or live direct teaching time, and time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently.***

***The amount of remote education provided should be, as a minimum:***

- ***Key Stage 1: 3 hours a day on average across the cohort, with less for younger children***
- ***Key Stage 2: 4 hours a day***

We are aware that some people are finding the volume of work set a challenge, however as demonstrated we must provide this amount by law so please complete what you can. Teachers will guide on how to submit this work in your class Team area. I am in every 'Team' and will look at work uploaded to the files area. Naturally, the delivery of remote education will be different across key stages which would be the case in school as we try to meet the needs of learners of different ages and abilities.

Thank you for your feedback around our remote learning provision, we have such a creative team who strive to provide the best for all of the children and we will continue to look at ways in which we can improve and adapt to support all pupils.

As you can imagine, our staff, like you, are juggling many balls- teaching in school, planning and delivering remote learning, feeding back on work submitted, answering queries and spending time with their own families. I have asked all staff to switch off in the evening and at the weekends as we need them to keep themselves mentally fit and refreshed to support all of the children. From 5:00pm until 8:30 am and at weekends, emails will not be responded to.

I feel proud to be a part of this wonderful school community and seeing everyone pulling together under such challenging circumstances is amazing. I am under no illusion that as time goes on this will get more challenging for those learning at home but we will do everything that we can to support children and families to navigate through and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school when it is safe to do so.

Thank you for your continued support in challenging times for all.

Kind regards,  
Mr Kolb

