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Dear Parents and Carers,

Home Learning Etiquette

I want to say a massive well done to those of you trying to engage with the home learning and join all the live lessons. We do appreciate that many of you are trying to work from home as well as entertain younger siblings, and some families are joining in for more than one class in a household, but you are all doing a great job.

We know there will be times when the internet doesn't do what we want it to, or the time of a lesson clashes with an important zoom meeting you may have for work – that is fine, we understand, so please don't worry if you have to miss an occasional session. If we all do our best and work together we can get through it, and it is clear that you are all doing the best you can, so 'Thank you' to each and every one of you.

As you know, we have high expectations of our children when they are in school under 'normal' circumstances – we expect them to display good learning behaviours and show respect for others, and this hasn't changed now we are teaching live lessons online. As we enter our fourth week of home learning, we are noticing a few bad habits creeping in. Therefore we have put together an 'On-line learning Etiquette' to address these early on, which we hope you will go through with your child. Class teachers will also be following these and will be reminding pupils about what we expect at the start of sessions. This is not just about learning behaviours and the expectations we have, but it is also about the safeguarding of everyone, and ensuring we all working together to keep our children safe.

- Please ensure children are dressed appropriately, and also consider this for any adults in the background;
- Where possible, use a quiet area of the house and encourage your child to sit up properly rather than lying down for lessons;
- During live lessons, the 'chat box' should be used for asking questions and making comments about the lesson, and not about what is going on outside the window;
- Wherever possible, please can younger children be supported by an adult to deal with technical issues or to explain the activity again;
- Try to save food/snacks and toilet trips for the lesson breaks, as we would do in the real classroom;
- Please do not photograph the screen or recording any sessions as not all parents have given permission for this;
- Ensure no inappropriate language is used, by child or adult, during the lessons; if this happens the class teacher may remove the individual from that session;
- If parents or carers have concerns please raise these outside of the lesson, either by emailing the class teacher or phoning the school; this means that the lesson can continue smoothly with interruptions.

If we can all follow these guidelines, it will help the child get into the right mind-set for learning. We are trying to keep our timetables in line to a normal school day, as we know that having a regular routine improves our mental well-being – for children it helps them feel safe and secure, and clearly differentiates between 'learning' and relaxing or leisure time. I appreciate that this is not always possible, sometimes 'life' gets in the way but I know that some families have found that it really helps get the children focussed.

We still don't know how long this lockdown is going to go on for but I just want to reiterate what I said at the start: you are doing a great job.

Best wishes



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