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Dear Parents,

We thank you for your support so far in ensuring your children are accessing their remote learning tasks via Class Dojo. We appreciate that for many of you, this has presented some challenges and we are grateful for your efforts. Please continue to try your best and do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any support.

Our aim is to ensure that our pupils continue to learn during this sustained period of home learning to ensure that they can transition smoothly back to learning in the classroom once it is safe to do so. By completing this work, we can also ensure that there are minimal gaps in their learning, ensuring that they have the best possible chances at achieving well during their time at school.

At present, children are receiving the following for remote learning:

- Daily lessons for English, Mathematics and a non-core subject e.g. History, Art
- Daily written feedback from their class teacher on their work submitted on Class Dojo
- Regular and direct communication with the class teacher through 'messages'
- A weekly Faith stimulus to encourage reflection and development of our school virtues
- Weekly calls with the class teacher to discuss home learning and next steps for pupils

The emphasis for us is to ensure that the resources and feedback provided is of quality and helps children to progress in their learning. We are working at all levels with teachers to ensure that the offer is continually reviewed and improved to give children the best offer possible.

We have reviewed our provision and would like to further increase the contact between children and their teacher. Going forward, we would now like to request children to join their teachers 'virtually' on a daily basis for registration and a verbal run through of their learning activities for the day. We hope that this will help children to feel supported and help to keep them motivated and engaged in their learning for this sustained period of home learning. This is an exciting opportunity and we ask that in order to help teachers with these calls, parents support us in the following ways:



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1. Please ask children to be on time for the call so they do not miss out on the content– there is only one call per day and it is live! If there is any reason why your child cannot join the call on any day, please inform the class teacher via Class Dojo as a daily register will be taken. The first 5 minutes will be used for registration before the teacher moves on to the learning expectations for the day.
2. On joining the call, you will be asked for your name. Please enter/ask your child to enter their full first name and second initial so they can be admitted to the meeting by their teacher. If children use a name unknown to their teacher, they will not be admitted. To avoid any issues with this please could parents ensure that they are not signed into their own personal Zoom accounts before clicking the link as this will mean your name shows on the call. Please sign out and then click on the link provided by the teacher. If you have issues with entering your name, please ensure the video is enabled so that your child can be identified by their teacher.
3. With 30 children on each call, it is important that children keep their microphones muted throughout the call to avoid any disturbance.
4. We ask that an adult (where possible) from the household, stays in the room whilst the child is on the call.
5. Turn the video camera on for your child to allow the teacher to 'see' them for registration and of course, a wave! Please note and make your children aware that they may not be able to see all of their peers on the call due to the number of people on the call.
6. There will be no access to the 'chat' function. Any questions relating to learning should be sent via Class Dojo as normal. Please also inform the teacher directly if you have any issues with the call.
7. Please support your child to ensure they have access to a device. This can be a phone, iPad/tablet, laptop etc.
8. We understand that many of our children have siblings. We have tried to stagger the calls as much as possible to support this but also to ensure that children have their calls earlier in the day to maximise the time they have for their independent work.



9. There is no need to download the Zoom app. You will simply click on the link you receive from your child's class teacher (via Class Dojo) or copy and paste this into your web browser.

The calls will be reviewed regularly to ensure they are useful and supportive to yourself and the children during this time. For now, it is a fantastic way to ensure children are ready for learning every day and so they can 'see' that their teacher is there to support them whilst they are learning from home. It is also important for children to understand the expectations of learning during this time which will help keep children in good learning habits until we return to school.

The timetable will be as below:

Class	Time of call	Class	Time of call
<b>Optimism 1</b>	9am – 9.20am	<b>Optimism 2</b>	9am – 9.20am
<b>Contentment 1</b>	9am – 9.20am	<b>Contentment 2</b>	9am – 9.20am
<b>Forgiveness 1</b>	9.20am – 9.40am	<b>Forgiveness 2</b>	9.20am – 9.40am
<b>Compassion 1</b>	9.20am – 9.40am	<b>Compassion 2</b>	9.20am – 9.40am
<b>Humility 1</b>	9.40am – 10am	<b>Humility 2</b>	9.40am – 10am
<b>Service 1</b>	9.40am – 10am	<b>Service 2</b>	9.40am – 10am
<b>Truth 1</b>	10am – 10.20am	<b>Truth 2</b>	10am – 10.20am

We humbly request your patience with these calls for the first few days as this will be a new experience for us all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs G Kaur and Mrs D Westwood