



## Response to Secondary Remote Learning Survey

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you very much for all your responses to the remote learning survey that we recently asked you to complete. The high volume of responses and willingness to share your views and experiences in depth, have enabled us to make further decisions to improve our remote learning offer for pupils during this period of lockdown.

### 'You said – we did'

Here are a number of actions that we have already taken as a result of your feedback:

- You said that on occasion, the sound can be muffled – we purchased headset microphones for our teachers
- You said that pupils are in front of their screens for too long – we changed the timetable to create two 45-minute breaks during the day and have also introduced 'well-being Wednesdays' where one lesson is given over to well-being activities that do not involve screens
- Many of you asked for there to be less screen-based homework – we introduced a reduced homework timetable
- You said that in some core lessons, pupils were not being stretched enough – we introduced intervention sessions not only for pupils finding it hard to access the work, but also for 'Greater Depth' pupils
- You requested more PE time – PE lessons are once a week, but pupils have been set additional challenges to be active. Participation in these is vital for their physical and mental health and well-being.

### Next steps

Again, based on your feedback, here is a list of further actions that we will be taking in the coming weeks for the benefit of the pupils:

- Introducing remote clubs / social time, where pupils will be able to interact with each other in smaller groups
- Less teacher talk and more time for pupils to complete tasks during lessons (the teacher will still be present to take questions and give feedback)
- Looking at ways of ensuring pupil engagement during lessons – staff are already using more directed questioning and in some subjects investigating how SAM Learning can monitor real-time work completion.

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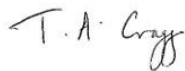
We remain determined that in spite of the current situation, thanks to the ever-evolving technology available coupled with the skill and adaptability of our teachers, pupils at Nishkam School West London will continue to progress well in their learning.

As parents / carers, you are doing a fantastic job in ensuring your children's attendance in our live lessons. You may well also be doing all of the following, but if not, hopefully the list below is helpful as a guide in keeping your child focused on their learning:

- Create a quiet space for your child to work and where this is not possible, ensure that they have headphones
- Ensure that they attend all 30 lessons over the course of the week, as per the school timetable
- Ensure that all work set through Show My Homework has been completed – sign up to the app if you have not already done so
- Ask your child to hand you their mobile phone at the start of each 2 lesson block then allow them to have it back as a reward for completing their lessons and all associated work set
- If you can, do random check-ins to ensure their on-going engagement in lessons
- Praise your child for all the great work they are doing in challenging circumstances.
- Last but not least, encourage your child to get some fresh air in the garden and / or go for a daily walk in the local area.

As ever, if you have any concerns or other feedback, please do not hesitate to get in touch through [Enquiries.NSWL@nishkamschools.org](mailto:Enquiries.NSWL@nishkamschools.org)

Yours sincerely,



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