

Newsletter 15th January 2021

Dear parents,

We have now completed two weeks of learning from home.

As we know we still have a long journey ahead of us, it's time to pause while we analyse accomplishment and any need for changes.

I have looked at the routines in our remote learning and have decided to make some adjustments which, I believe, will benefit everyone. I was concerned about the amount of time our children spent online throughout the day and felt the need to give them time offline.

To give pupils and adults a better chance to fit in some physical activities I have increased the morning break to half an hour. If you can, please encourage your children during the break to stretch their legs, perhaps having a short walk outside (maybe in the garden) or even some jogging on the spot!

We will also begin to dedicate one afternoon a week to Mental Health. Your teachers will be providing you with activities which will foster positive wellbeing. These could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make your child feel good. Most of these activities will be completed offline.

You will also notice that on Friday afternoon all teachers will be offline; teachers will use this time to plan for the following week. This will be another afternoon when children will have activities to spark their creativity and imagination.

Therefore, from next week, although it may seem teachers are not producing "live lessons" as much as we were used to, they will still be online with small targeted groups.

As this is a learning curve for all of us, we are keen to continue adjusting and improving our remote provision. Let me know what you think!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Gonzalez