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Monitoring the Attendance of Children Learning at Home

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start this letter by saying a huge thank you for the continued support we are receiving from our parents and carers during this time. Teachers have been extremely grateful for the positive feedback we have received in terms of both the communication and welfare calls that are ongoing throughout the week and the fantastic support you are providing with the Remote Learning. I appreciate that it is a challenging time and again one in which parents are being asked to do an incredible amount of learning support but I would like to stress that you are playing a huge part in the school being able to conduct our remote learning so effectively .

Unlike the first lockdown, schools have a duty to ensure that remote learning is offering the children a full curriculum in which they are learning and making progress. The children's work is being assessed and teacher judgments are recorded as they would be if the children were learning in the classroom. As a school we are currently also monitoring the engagement of children and the work we receive on a weekly basis to support parents where there may be gaps or difficulties with accessing any part of the curriculum. I would like to stress that teachers are more than happy to support where needed and welcome the open conversations that they have been having with our parents. The teachers are really keen to talk to parents about how the children are coping with learning at home as it is very different for all families and we want to ensure that the children are all receiving all of the help and support they need.

However, we do appreciate that as the weeks are progressing there may be occasions where the children are unable to do the home learning due to illness. As a school we need to ensure that we are recording children's sickness absence as we would do if they were in school.

Please can I ask that if your child is unwell or they are unable to take part in the home school learning that you contact the school office directly so that the office staff can record the information as they would do if your child was in school. A few parents have been informing the teachers, but they would not have access to our sickness absence registers and as I am sure you can appreciate, they are extremely busy with the remote teaching and feedback.

I would like to wish you all a very restful and relaxing weekend and hope you manage to enjoy some much-needed family time. Once again thank you for all you are doing at home. You are doing a great job.

Kind Regards
Hayley Sutton
Headteacher



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