



## Newsletter 21



*Every child fulfilling their potential in a nurturing learning environment underpinned by Christian values.*

**Mr P Hayward: Headteacher**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

### Home Learning Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to clarify some points around home learning. From tomorrow, I have asked teachers to record their live sessions. This is for the following reasons:

- I will be able to monitor the quality of the live sessions by watching back the recordings,
- Children and staff will have added protection because if any concerns arise during a live session, they will be captured in a recording and available for review.

As I understand it, recordings will be stored on Microsoft servers in the UK for a period of 20 days and then permanently deleted. St Peter's and Colwich Primary schools have been recording their live sessions since the beginning of lockdown and have found it very useful.

### Tips for Home Learning

I have received some feedback from the teachers about what works best for their online live sessions. If you could follow these simple rules that would be much appreciated.

- Please do not allow younger (or older) siblings to interfere with your child's live session. Siblings should not be seen or heard on screen during live sessions.
- Please do not allow your child to bring their pet to a live session.
- Please avoid feeding the children during live sessions. Again, this would not happen in class.
- Please remove toys, mobile phones and other distractions from the children once they begin their live session. We understand that it is hard for the children to concentrate and so the less distractions the better.
- Please make a note of the work your child is asked to complete each day. The teachers are working hard to prepare lessons, offer feedback and mark your child's work. Chasing up unfinished or poorly turned out work is time consuming for your child's teacher.
- Please take a little care photographing work to be posted on ClassDojo. Photographs of work taken in a brightly lit area, and where the work fills the screen, are the easiest to see and mark.
- If your child does not attend a live session and is not in school, the office staff will contact parents to understand why. This will be passed on to the child's class teacher. Every day, the school office must send details to the government

about who is in school and how many children are engaged in remote home-learning.

- If your child does not hand in their work, parents and carers will be contacted by your child's class teacher to understand why.
- If a child's work is persistently not published on ClassDojo, I will contact parents and carers to understand why.

We understand that homes are not school but it is important your children adopt "school-like" behaviours when online with their class teachers.

One of the reasons the classroom environment is so productive is because teachers can quickly pick-up on children's learning behaviours. A teacher knows when a child is or is not engaged in their learning and can offer support accordingly. Managing classes via Teams is challenging for the teachers because they cannot so easily read a child's body language or facial expression, which so often gives a child's state of mind away. The teachers are eager to support the children at home (and in school) and would welcome your support by following the guidelines above.

### Booking Critical Worker Children Places in School

From tomorrow, I would like parents and carers, who are critical workers and are unable to support their child's learning at home, to request places in school by the Wednesday before the week they are requesting places for. Initially, I sent out a booking form for the whole six weeks of this half term but moving forward I would like parents and carers to book each week. The requests on the initial booking form will no longer count after this week. The reason for this is that, over the last couple of weeks, circumstances at home have changed since parents made the original bookings and so the picture we have of children coming into school is becoming less and less accurate. It is essential that we know exactly where children are supposed to be each day whether at home or at school. To book places for the week commencing **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021** please click on the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yJsUsLaZAUi9k-FL3HbxhbqighLEmdHvflgySYXWqRUOUxLVIBURkxSR1hYR0RRWIBNU0w5UTMxMy4u>

I will put the booking link for the week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February in next week's newsletter.

Thank you for your on-going support.  
Mr Hayward.

