

Good afternoon everyone,

Thank you so much for working with us so well on our safeguarding systems.

Over the last three weeks we have managed to touch base with every child or family which has been a great achievement.

This week's response was terrific and meant the teams on site needed to do far less telephone check in's and spend far more time on working supportively through the google classroom.

Keep your eye out for the new Check-In that will appear in your child's google classroom on Monday morning.

Next week, (week commencing Monday 27th April) our teachers will post a new form with a title following this model e.g. **5HH w/c 27.04.2020 - Weekly Check-in**. Staff will continue to use this model moving forwards.

Please can you assist the children in refreshing their Google Classroom after 9am on Monday mornings and looking for the most recent Check-in form?

Back to home learning - Is this setting a pattern for the future?

The teacher's returned the google classroom into home learning centres this week and we hope the children have enjoyed having some normality back to the type of learning activities they are used to and that you are all coping well at home too. As mentioned before, there is no pressure for the children to complete all of the work, just do what is manageable for them and you at home, whilst keeping some learning going.

It is interesting to note that governmental conversations are moving towards home learning being something that is likely to continue for quite some time. One suggestion being that even when schools re-open, it is likely to be a stepped approach, perhaps part at school and part at home.

If this is the case then home learning is here to stay, so the more familiar you and your children become with the google classroom and keeping a semblance of timetabled learning, the better. If home learning was to become more structured and curriculum driven, then the google classroom is definitely the platform we would use to do it.

If you are finding home learning challenging, the following link to the World Health Organisations 12 posters for Healthy Parenting Tips are really useful.

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/healthy-parenting>

Some if you have also requested access to a version of our School Behaviour Expectations chart- this is on our website, but as a bit of fun as well as a support to you, we have created a Family Expectations version which can be seen below this letter.

Videos

We hope you enjoyed our staff video on Twitter.

Mr Dyson is taking up the mantle for the next few weeks with a PE equipment challenge video, which will be posted on Twitter every Monday. It challenges the children to explore the different activities they can come up with using specific pieces of PE equipment. (Add your ideas on to the thread underneath the post... or just enjoy being creative!)

Finally a big thank you to so many of you who have given my staff such positive messages of support over these past few weeks. It truly has meant so much to them and their wellbeing.

Stay safe and healthy everyone, and have some fun too in this very testing period for us all!

Chris Evans