

8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

REMOTE LEARNING UPDATE

From Monday 11th January we will be inviting children who are working at home to join a live daily check in on MS Teams. You will find the link to the Teams meeting in the files section of Teams. To join, open the file and click on the link at the following times:

6D	9.00 a.m.
6O	9.30 a.m.
5EK Girls	9.00 a.m.
5EK Boys	9.30 a.m.
5K Boys	9.00 a.m.
5K Girls	9.30 a.m.
4A	10.00 a.m.
4R	10.30 a.m.
3B	10.00 a.m.
3T	10.30 a.m.

The live check in will provide an opportunity for one of the year group teachers to check in with the children at home, discuss the learning for the day and feedback on previous learning. Please find attached a home school agreement for remote learning which has been updated to reflect the provision of live video sessions. It is important that you read this agreement before Monday and share it with your child.

In addition to the daily check in sessions, we are going to attempt to connect the school and children at home in a 'whole school' Westende Wonder assembly (not sure how that will go so it will be a trial for the first week!!). A link for the assembly which will take place on Friday at 1.30 p.m. will be provided nearer the time. School staff will also be using Teams to meet with small groups of pupils to check in on wellbeing and for additional pastoral support where this is necessary.

In response to requests from parents, teachers will be posting work by 6 p.m. on the day before it is due to help you organise resources and your schedule for the following day.



In response to requests for 'live lessons' I have attached a document explaining the reasons why we will not be using this approach to teaching.

I would like to remind you that the posts section of Teams is monitored by staff between 8.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. and it should be used for posting questions and discussion about the learning. Before 8.30 a.m. and after 3.30 p.m. children should not be using the posts as a social media platform to contact and chat to friends because it is not being monitored by school staff however, work can still be accessed and uploaded to Teams after 3.30 p.m. Teachers will be attending staff meetings, other professional meetings, planning and marking work after 3.30 p.m.

We are looking forward to our first live check in sessions on Monday and in the meantime, if you require any further support with Microsoft Teams or remote learning, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

I hope that you have a good weekend after such a turbulent week!

Kind regards,



Mrs Andrea Sykes
Headteacher

