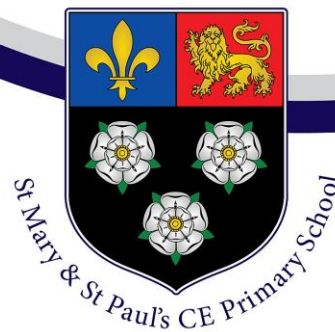


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Wednesday 20th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Remote Learning Questionnaire

It has been a very challenging time for everyone, and we are grateful for the community response of each and everyone of you. Over the last three weeks, we have had to adapt and change in so many ways and the impressive response to our remote learning offer has been amazing and a true encouragement to us here at school. For many of you, we have asked that you come out of your comfort zone to support our precious children to learn - we are truly grateful. In total we have had 90% engagement from families which is incredible.

Thank you also for all those who have taken the time to respond to our Remote Learning Questionnaire. We have 48 responses and this amounts to 135 of our children which is excellent. All of your comments have been looked through very carefully and we will respond to some of the key points below.

The main question was

The government have said that we are to provide 3 hours remote learning for KS1 pupils and 4 hours for KS2 pupils. The work my child is receiving is...

6% explained that they thought we were putting too much work online

10% thought we had too little work online

84% thought we are offering an accurate amount.

As explained in the introduction to the questionnaire our biggest challenge is meeting the needs of our community and the general picture is that most of our families only have 1 device. As a school we have been given a few devices that can be loaned to families, but this is limited, and it means that we would still have a number who don't have access if we overlap lessons. With such a positive response we will therefore keep the work at the same level.

Don't forget the advice around the additional hours work for those in KS2 which has been posted on google classroom.

20mins - Reading

20mins - Handwriting

20mins- TT rock stars

If you struggle with this please don't worry, the most important activity each day is to read. Reading supports learning more than anything and if you invest 20 minutes each day into it you will see a development.

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A number of comments asked for an opportunity for the children to interact. From next week we will ensure that one of the afternoon slots each week is open so that the children can come into the room and the teachers will facilitate some time where the children can talk to one another through a game or a discussion.

We had some very lovely comments and for that we are truly grateful. I have copied a few for you to see.

"It's fabulous what you are doing, my boys are loving it each day"

"It's great and we appreciate all the effort that the teachers within the school go to, to ensure ***** has enough work to do and feels she is still part of the school environment even though she is working from home X"

"Very much appreciate all the hard work from everyone involved"

"The live lessons are working well and providing motivation and improving morale."

While we appreciate that for some of you paper packs would be helpful, we feel due to the way we run our online offer and also the risk around collecting the work we have decided that we can't offer this during this lockdown. Lessons are being planned daily and therefore the work that is set depends on the outcomes of the previous day, this would mean parents would need to come out each day to collect work and we don't have the staffing free to facilitate this request. Sorry!

As ever, it is a true blessing to be working alongside the community here at St Mary and St Paul's and we are truly grateful for all that you are doing. Our hope is that we can return to school soon and be together as a family once more.

Please as you go about your daily lives stay safe and if you need any support, email admin@stmaryandstpauls.org.uk and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Best wishes and love

Mr Parks