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Dear Mrs Hobby, Mrs Davis and the KS2 team,

People are normally quicker to criticise than to congratulate so we though we should write this email to you and the team involved expressing our very positive feedback.

We were watching Mica today as she had her 1st day of online learning. The experience was amazing from both Mica’s and our perspective.

Mica was interested and engaged, between the online sessions she was working happily on the tasks given to her and she was extremely happy with the way everything was delivered.

It feels the way the sessions are spread throughout the day gives the kids a framework of school away from school. I can admit that during the 1st lockdown as both of us are working, we struggled to supply this framework even though we encouraged Mica to do the tasks sent to her. Having the kids for few short sessions throughout the day gives that framework, gets them involved and engaged with more subjects and socially they feel as close to their friends as possible on this hard times.

I’m sure this is not obvious and lots of preparations in nearly no-time (for this lockdown) were made in order for this to happen, we would like to thank everyone who’s involved and just say a big thank you

My gosh I must express my thanks to you. Ella is so engaged and becoming such an independent learner with these live zooms! You pitch them so well. Everyone is engaging and feeling part of your lesson, no one is shying away and they all enjoy them and seeing each other. So important this lockdown as we’re all feeling more hemmed in! I don’t think any other primary in EG are doing live classes so I am just so grateful and they are working wonderfully. Massive respect for taking on the IT skills that have had to have been learnt to go hand in hand with your delivery and teaching. Mind blown!!! THANK YOU

Dear Mrs Hobby,

I just wanted to write an email to say thank you so much to all the staff for your hard work.  This home learning is going much better than last year.  It’s so well organised/structured with the timetables and the lessons being uploaded to Google Classrooms in plenty of time for us to print everything out and plan.

In particular, I’m delighted how well Freddie’s Falcons classes are going.  He’s handling most of his daily timetable by himself (and really enjoying it too), just coming to me to check that he’s done everything and for my opinion on what he’s done.  That’s great because it frees me up a bit for Tilly’s timetable which naturally needs more overseeing/hand holding.

Well all enjoyed your Friday shout out too! 😊

Just thought I’d share the opinion of a pleased and not completely strung out parent 😊.  Could you pass on my gratitude to the Falcons and the Owls 1 team too please?

All the best,

Thank you Mrs Hobby for your very lovely and reassuring letter. It meant so much.

Elijah was feeling overwhelmed by the screen time learning and to have such a supportive response to our concerns from Mrs Davies and now such a proactive and supportive email from you makes us feel so much better. Thank you.

We are very grateful to feel that we belong to Ashurst wood school and could not ask for more from the boys teachers. We feel very lucky.

Thank you all of you.

Dear Mrs Hobby

Just a thank you again to you and your team working so hard to support the Children, Parents, Carers and each other through what I feel has and is the hardest of the 3 lockdowns. We as a family feel very lucky that our 2 are able to be in school, however the reality of having all 3 at home last week, whilst juggling all be it part time but nether the less work, whilst also being mother, wife, running the house took me straight back to the first lockdown so thank you.

Mrs Davis email today was so lovely to receive as it truly was heartfelt and helped me today with some of the guilt I have felt and made me realise a little that feeling like a failure after just one week of home schooling was not necessary. It was such a well delivered email that I forwarded it to my parents and sister to receive the following:

“Yes, absolutely perfectly put. 👍🏼Well done Mrs Davis👏🏻” from my parents and “Lovely and bang on the money. She just wants to see happy children and parents at the end of it 🥰” from my sister.

I have shared the above feedback to Mrs Davis but wanted to pass on to yourself as I think she has helped boost a lot of parents today and also thought it nice to actually take the time to say so in writing.

Thank you again to all involved with the current task your all facing. Your all amazing 🌟

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Regarding online provision.

Thank you so much for today, M was over the moon to show her guitar off. Yourself and rest of the teachers are doing an amazing job at keeping the kids spirits up and how quickly you sorted it all out for us.

Dear Mrs Hobby, Jo and I are thrilled at the online provision you have provided for the school this term. You are all working extremely hard and doing a fabulous job. The girls are engaged and completing a good quantity of work which is great.

Re Forest School:

Thank you. This is really wonderful as we can’t take them for daylight walks/ activities due to working.

Hi Emma

Please can you pass on this document to Lisa and the team.  I was talking with Neil Feist at Sackville today and explained how well you've all done at Ashurst Wood to get us all on to live lessons in 24 hours! He was very impressed, I did ask if I could share some of the google classroom guides with you as I said it might be helpful. So he has given me permission to share the guides for Sackville teachers on google classroom.  I'm sure most of it you've already figured out but please let me know if there are other technical things you want to know as there are other guides available for me to get for you. Sackville is very happy to share these resources with you.

I have had to copy and paste this document from a google doc as I wasn't allowed to share the original with you! So excuse the slightly messy nature of the layouts etc.

As well as the word document I've attached you can also see a screen grab of  the staff help guides listed.  If you would like to access any of this let me know and I'll see if I can get a copy for you.

I hope this is helpful, and a massive well done for such an incredible feat. You've all gone above and beyond with turning this around and a lot of parents are very impressed, even if a little intimidated by the thought of home schooling!

Don't hesitate to call if you think there is something you think I may be able to help with.

Stay safe and kindest regards

Hello

I just wanted to say how impressed I've been with the remote learning which has been put in place this week. After being told on Monday evening you needed to close to most pupils, what you managed to achieve in the following day was incredible.

Thank you all so much.

Hello,

I just wanted to say that I think you're all doing an amazing job to continue to provide support for all parents and children. I cant imagine how stressful it must be for you all. I'm am truly grateful. Ashurst wood school has a great team and I feel very lucky that J has such amazing support for his education and care.

Thank you.

Rebecca Anderson