8th January 2021

Dear parents,

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience this week. We have been, once again, overwhelmed by the support we receive at a time when we know many of our families will be facing difficulties and stress themselves. We have received some really valuable parent feedback which has been an incredibly useful insight to ways we can improve and make things a little easier for home schooling.

We aim to balance the needs of each year group with children working on site and at home against families who are supporting more than one child and additional difficulties that can cause. We have also reviewed our home learning provision with the other schools across the multi-academy trust alongside the most recent government guidance which was received yesterday and used all of this information to make some small changes.

As we have reduced number of children and adults in school, we have been able to revert back to a standardised school day.

Register will take place between 8:50 and 9:05 and learning will end at 3:15. Additionally, we have streamlined timetables across year groups to facilitate learning for all children, regardless of age, to be similar. This will mean that maths, English, P.E. and curriculum activities can all take place at the same time in any household.

Lunchtimes for children in school need to continue to be staggered in line with the current risk assessment, therefore we have put activities around lunch time which are flexible and involve less interactivity with the teacher. We hope that this is supportive to allow parents to have breaks and lunches at the same time.

The whole school suggested timetable will be as follows:

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| 8:50-9:05 | Welcome and register |
| 9:05-10:15 | Maths   * 4 a day * Mental maths game * Teacher led new learning |
| 10:15-10:30 | Break |
| 10:30-11:00 | P.E.  Suggested links and activities or family activity time |
| 11:00-11:45 | English  Teacher led new learning and activities |
| 11:45-1:30 | * 1 hour lunch * 30 minutes spelling * 15 minutes well-being/P.S.C.H.E |
| 1:30-2:00 | Reading   * Teacher led new learning and reading activities |
| 2:00 – 3:00 | Wider curriculum activities  (To include planned class zoom assembly/dojo treat and class games on Fridays for those who are able to or wish to join) |

Further to the letter sent this week outlining the school vision and offer to all parents for home learning, I would like once again to stress that this is a suggested timetable to support where children are able to access learning in this way. We understand that for many families at different times this will not be possible. We are here to support in any way we can and if you want to discuss concerns or would like suggestions for prioritising learning to help make it work for your family, please do get in touch. There are no penalties for families who are unable to access learning in this way and we are always keen to work collaboratively in order to best meet the needs of individuals.

Please do continue to share feedback so that consideration can be made for changes within the regular review cycle. Just as a reminder, if you have any initial concerns, please contact your child’s class teacher via Seesaw or email or alternatively contact admin via email who will be able to direct your communication to the correct person.

Have a restful weekend after what I’m sure has been a stressful week for many. Keep safe and look after each other.

Kind regards

Mrs Hewson

Headteacher