



Thursday 23rd September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels wonderful to be writing to you all again after a year of maternity leave. Thank you for all your kind words welcoming me back. Being around the children again has been so refreshing after working from home since March 2020!

As mentioned by Mrs Harrison last week, I am writing to update you on our remote learning expectations for the coming year. As ever, these have changed in nature since the last time Mrs Harrison wrote to you, so it would be greatly appreciated if you can take a moment to read the changes and digest them.

The key changes that you will see this year:

It is anticipated that the biggest disruption to learning experiences this year will be when children are required to take PCR tests and wait at home for the result. If your child is well enough to complete work during this time, it is the expectation that they engage with the home learning sent by the class teacher so that when they return to school they are at the same point of learning as their peers. As the teacher's focus will be on teaching the class in school during this time, you will not be receiving dedicated videos from the teacher, but instead will be directed to Oak Academy lessons or online support videos which will closely match the learning taking place in school.

How will we receive our remote learning?

Another change you will note this year will be that you will be sent your child's remote learning and resources daily via email. This will be received by 10am each day to allow staff to complete registers and ensure we have established which absences are Covid related. Rather than emailing photographs of completed work, for ease we ask that photographs of work be uploaded onto your child's Seesaw accounts so that they can receive feedback and support from the teacher. Seesaw logins will be sent home by the end of this week.

Teachers will be available via their class email addresses to support any questions or difficulties you may have but as they will be teaching throughout the day, we thank you in advance for your patience in waiting for a response.

We obviously hope that it will not be needed, but please note the plans that are in place should the eventuality of full class or school closure occur. These will look very familiar and closely resemble the hugely successful remote learning our teachers put into place last year.

The pupils at Rackham are in a very good position despite their recent disruption to schooling, which is testament to the fantastic team of teachers and parents working closely together. Thank you so much for all that you have done to support your child's learning and all that you will continue to do over the coming academic year. Please do not forget that should you be sent remote learning, you are still not on your own and we are here to support you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

Best wishes,



Mrs Ward
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