**Learning at home, creating a work-life balance**

Dear Parents.

There has been some feedback regarding the expectations of work around this current lockdown and I wanted to write to hopefully clarify our expectations.

As communicated before, the Government have put a minimum expectation of 4 hours of school work for Key Stage 2 children and 3 hours for Key Stage 1. The home learning this time around has not been suspended as before but should still cover our curriculum and year group requirements. We have looked to adhere to this as best we can with additional resources, lessons and activities being available for those that need them.

As much as we need to follow government guidance we equally want our curriculum to be bespoke to our children and families. As such, (please see Friday 15th January letter on website), we have reduced the expectations in the afternoons to give you more time as a family.

I would also like to clarify my expectations. As both your Headteacher and a parent I understand the demands of the role you are playing at home. We have been put into a situation that is new for us all and we must pull together throughout this. We are a school with the community at its heart, we are always here for you and will respond to your emails and phone calls to support you as best we can. Please use the school as your first point of enquiry if you are concerned about anything.

**White Rose maths**

In terms of your maths specifically please note the following. The White Rose should take approximately 1 hour to complete. There are additional problem solving activities to supplement each lesson if needed. Please do not feel you have to spend any longer than this with your child on their maths. May I recommend that as you work through it with them you put an \* next to questions they find hard. These can then be discussed with the class teacher. This is the approach we use in school. Please also remember that staff are here to explain any question that the children need help with, simply log on to the call at the given time for maths support.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Class 2 | 9:30-10:30  2:30pm – 3:00pm | meet.google.com/mox-hmyr-nvs  meet.google.com/mox-hmyr-nvs |
| Year 3 | 9am – 10am | meet.google.com/fiz-fbjo-shj |
| Year 4 | 9am – 10am | meet.google.com/tyc-eyrg-zvq |
| Year 5 | 2pm – 2:30pm | meet.google.com/tvi-opai-xqp |
| Year 6 | 2pm – 2:30pm | meet.google.com/ygz-ydwp-qgo |

Despite the guidance from us and that of the government, it is ultimately you who know your children the best. If they are becoming stressed - stop them working, if they are struggling - contact your class teacher. If you feel you need an afternoon off for some family time please take it. We do not know how long we will be working like this and your mental health and well-being is of paramount importance.

I do not expect your children to be working after 3:30pm unless you feel that you want to do more with them. They should equally not be working on a weekend or after 1:30pm on a Friday.

Please let me know if you have any concerns you feel I can help with.

Kind regards

**Mr J Wynn**

**Head Teacher**