



We are an inspiring learning community with high expectations, where all feel safe and happy and everybody has the opportunity to unlock and realise their potential

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

It hardly seems possible that we are heading into what will be the 7th week of lockdown and partial opening at school! Although the news looks positive from the scientists in terms of coming through the other side, there is still much uncertainty surrounding exit from lockdown and particularly, what that might look like in schools. As soon as we have any further information or clarification, we will let you know.

In response to some of your excellent feedback, we have been refining the 'Home Learning Diet' so that there is greater clarity and consistency around expectations and quantity. The Phase 2 Home Learning Diet is attached to this newsletter and will go up onto the COVID-19 Home Learning Area of the website for easy access and future reference. You will see that it covers *Essential Learning*, which is broken up into *Musts, Shoulds and Could's*. **In order for children to be well-positioned when school returns to normal, it is important that they complete, at a minimum, the Must section of the Essential Learning every week.** You will see that there are also more optional whole school activities such as the Daily Draw included on the diet. Do please continue to pass on your feedback regarding home learning, it has proven very instrumental in helping us to ensure that what we are doing is useful and beneficial.

After some technical hitches, I am pleased to report that next week our online video meeting system via Whereby will go live. This system will support children in engaging in increasingly interactive communication with staff in school, particularly their class teachers, whilst school is closed to the vast majority of pupils. The primary use of this tool will be for children to check in with their teacher, say 'hello', talk about the work that has been set and receive some additional personalised support should they need it (this was an area feedback showed we needed to improve). Where parents have learning queries, we would ask that these continue to be emailed direct to the class teacher. Please support your child in booking their 10-minute slot, so that they can speak with their class teacher:

1. Go to **schoolinterviews.co.uk**
2. Click: *Make a booking*
3. Enter the event code: **xwbnm**

The system will be familiar to you in that it functions in the same way as the parent-teacher consultation booking system. Once you have made your booking, you will receive an email confirming the date and time of your child's slot. When it is time for your child to meet their class teacher, **click on blue highlighted link in the confirmation email**. This will take you to the class teacher's Whereby room, where you can **knock on the door** to be let it!

We have also included opportunities for children to 'pop in' and chat with myself, Miss Rees, Mrs Luciani and Mrs de Jesus in our **Whereby Rooms**.

Do take care of yourselves and each other during these difficult times. Keep the feedback coming in – it is helping us to help you. Please let us know if you require any assistance – the school office is open daily.

Miss Stockley