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Dear Parent/Carers

Thank you so much for the feedback that we have received from you about our remote learning provision. We know that this is an extremely challenging time for all of us and our staff very much appreciate hearing from you. We have had some truly uplifting emails this week that have significantly boosted team morale. Overall, we are delighted with the very high levels of engagement from children which we know must mean there has been a significant effort on your part; for this we are all extremely appreciative.

Remote Learning Update

Teachers are working extremely hard to deliver a 'quality' remote education to our children at Vernon, as well as continue teaching the children in school. Based on the Government's recent guidance regarding a 'blended' approach to remote learning, our aim is to make sure that there is 'variety' in the way we are delivering our curriculum remotely. This has included live lessons, pre-recorded content, voice over PowerPoints/flipcharts, use of online platforms and also importantly, providing opportunities for children to undertake independent tasks.

We are also using our daily live sessions and suggested timetables to advise children on how to approach their learning during the lockdown. There is no 'one-size fits all' in terms of remote learning. We know many children value the live content and seeing their teachers; however some children have commented that they prefer having the work pre-recorded and being able to get on with learning and tasks at their own pace. We will continue to provide a mixture of approaches for all subjects and year groups. Some children and parents have expressed that they have found the amount of online work a bit overwhelming and we are trying to find the right balance with this, as well as supporting those individuals who we know are struggling. I would like to reiterate to you all again to please do what you can, when you can and there is absolutely no need to strive to complete every single task available. It will be our job once all the children return to school to further assess them and narrow any gaps with our catch-up funding.

Teachers are going above and beyond trying to respond to the huge volume of comments being sent throughout each school day. However, I am mindful of how important it is for everyone to maintain a sense of wellbeing throughout this difficult time. If a message is sent in to a teacher, this may not be responded to until the following day, to enable teachers to have the time to plan and teach their sessions, record videos and prepare lessons and resources both for the children in school and those learning at home. We do value your comments, but I am encouraging teachers to respond only when it is possible to do so within a reasonable timeframe.



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Finally, I would like to reassure you that everyone is doing their best during this challenging period. I have had some really positive feedback from you regarding what the school is doing. I am so grateful and appreciative of all the wonderful things you are doing with your child. A quote that I have recently seen from tennis champion, Arthur Ashe, has resonated regarding our current challenging situation: 'Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can.'

Thank you again for all your support and feedback.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Carvell
Headteacher



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