



Jessop Stockwell Federation
Lead Headteacher: Ms A.Parker

Friday 15th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope you are all well.

We are now coming to the end of week 2 of home learning and I am encouraged by the tremendous effort of our community in supporting our children as they continue to engage with their education. The impact of the emotional challenge on our wellbeing created by trying to work from home, whilst prioritising our children's education, cannot be underestimated, along with the guilt that comes with that. Please be reassured that whilst our circumstances may be different, we are united in not finding it easy. Please manage the online resources so that they work for you. If you are unable to accommodate your child attending the online lessons daily, just use the resources when you can; make them work for you and your family. We are doing everything we can to facilitate learning being as independent as possible, in order to support the current demands on family life and reduce the conflict that I know exists when parents and guardians support learning at home. As a community, we are doing well. Our year group pupil engagement is improving and is a strong indication of cohort pupil standards, which we can build on when our children return.

Reception 48%

Year 1 60%

Year 2 50%

Year 3 60%

Year 4 69%

Year 5 57%

Year 6 41%

Thank you to all the families who are finding ways to make it work. Of course, we need to improve on this, and will continue our creative efforts, whilst working with parents to ensure that all of our children are achieving as best they can during these current times.

Live Lessons

This is just a reminder to ensure all children are appropriately dressed for each session. As you know, we do record these lessons for the use of other children in the group if they are unable to attend the live class. If we do not feel that the recording is appropriate, we will do what we can to edit the recording before uploading. However, this will cause delays in our provision. I have attached an updated Live Lesson Policy for your attention. To secure collective responsibility, as best we can, we will be asking you sign that you have read and understood the policy. Where this is not signed by families, and children continue to attend, this will mean an automatic acceptance of our terms and conditions.

Home learning packs

In Mr Morton's Taking Stock Newsletter, which will be issued this week, you will receive information on when you can collect a home learning pack. The pack will contain a writing exercise book, maths exercise book, pen, pencil and ruler. Children will be able to use these resources to keep their home learning in one place and ensure they have what they need to practise their skills and support their reasoning development. Please do not feel that the children must have evidence of all of their learning in these books. What is submitted through Google Classroom is for that purpose.

Headphones

Now that we are making good headway in securing devices for children who need them, through the laptops provided by the Department for Education, we are keen to find solutions to maximise the quality of the learning experience in different households for our children. With this in mind, we have purchased headphones for all children with siblings who attend our school and for our most vulnerable learners. It is our desire to secure a personal, focused learning space for all of our children to help them succeed. We also believe this will enhance the quality and impact of our live teaching provision. In due course, the relevant families will receive further information of when you can collect your set of headphones. If, by the end of the week, you have not been contacted to collect a set of headphones, and you feel that you need additional support with this, please contact us through the school office.

If you have gaming consoles at home and wish to explore how these can also be used to access Google Classroom, follow this link to find out more.

<https://www.pocket-lint.com/apps/news/google/155204-how-to-use-google-classroom-on-xbox-and-playstation>

FSM Vouchers

We are continuing to support the free school meal provision with weekly vouchers so our families can continue to buy what they need.

Nursery provision

The new variant of the coronavirus, and its increased risk of transmission (up to 70% higher than the previous virus), are creating increased challenges for the school in terms of being able to facilitate the full return of the Nursery. Following a full review of staffing, risk assessment of the space, and the assurances required for staff in order to keep them safe, we are unable to fully open the nursery. To do so would also add significant pressure on the school's ability to maintain the onsite Key Worker and vulnerable children provision, which is of benefit to the whole school community. As a school, throughout the pandemic, we have maximised our capacity to support the National effort. However, with the vast range of Key Workers identified on the government list, and the need to keep the groups as small as possible, we do not have the space or the resources to staff small groups of children in Nursery, as well as the whole school provision we are trying to maintain. We will continue to keep this under review and will inform you should our circumstances change.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Keep well and I will keep in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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