

Home Learning Weekly Parent Update No. 4 - 05.02.21

"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

Dear Parent

I am pleased to be able to update you this week with our Home Learning Questionnaire responses. I hope it will provide some comfort seeing what is in place to support you and your child if you were unsure of anything before. Please see below for a summary of responses, which are overwhelmingly positive – thank you, it makes it all worth it!

Questions:	Your Responses:	Agree	Disagree	Other comments:	Our response / What we are doing / will do next:
1. I know where to find the weekly learning overviews for my child's class on the school website.	Yes: 47 (96%)	96%	4%	-	Every week Learning Overviews are uploaded on to the school website, click here if you have missed them.
2. My child and I have found Microsoft Teams (Y1-6) / Evidence Me (Nursery & Reception) to be user friendly.	Agree: 45 (92%)	92%	8%	-	We will continue to share updates with you as we learn more about the platform via the Remote Learning letter / in parent guide which can be found in the Home Learning section of the school website.
3. I know where to find further parental support or guidance for home learning on the school website.	Agree: 43 (88%)	88%	2%	10%	We are just a phone call or an email away if you require further support. Please do get in touch. For support with your child's work , email your child's class teacher via their home learning account: yx.homeleanring@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk (swap the x for your child's year group) For technical support , please email: technical.support@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk
4. I have found it easy to communicate with my child's class teacher / school when I have needed to.	Agree: 41 (84%)	84%	6%	10%	We have set email addresses so you can contact your child's class teacher. They can be found here. These are named: yx.homelearning@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk (swap the x for your child's year group)

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5. I feel that the amount of wor being set for n child is appropriate.		73%	8%	18%	Understandably, some of our families are finding the work over whelming. We ask that you do your best to support your children to complete the tasks but we understand that all your circumstances are very different. Your family's mental health comes first. If you require support, please contact your child's class teacher via the home learning email address so we can support you further.
6. My child enjoy completing the home learning	ir	65%	16%	18%	It is hard to motivate children to complete hours of school work when they are at home — there place of comfort and relaxation. You are all doing a great job and the children are working extremely hard. We are working on lessons which don't always involve the computer to try and support enjoyment.
7. My child enjoy receiving feedback from their class teacher.	Agree: 44 (90%)	90%	2%	8%	Our children, teachers and parents are all working so hard and it is great to see the impact feedback is having. We hope to have rectified the glitch on quizzes so that your child's feedback is now being seen!
8. My child has child enjoyed seeing their class teacher everyday in their daily morning video	Agree: 48 (98%)	98%	2%	-	We miss our children so much and are so glad to be using assemblies now to be able to interact with the children at home.
9. The lesson videos / introductions / guidance usef have enabled my child to successfully access their independent tasks.		84%	4%	12%	We are currently trialling live lessons in Y3 & 4 for English with the plan to be able to do these for Y1-6 after half term! We will write to you with more information soon. This will hopefully ease some pressure and the feedback from families has been great so far.
10. If you have more than one child accessin remote learnin in school, have you found the delivery via Microsoft Teams to be consistent?	g	64%	14%	21%	We are working on building consistency now. Many of our staff meetings have been around using Microsoft Teams and as time has gone on we have been able to find out what works and what doesn't work. When there are inconsistencies being presented, we are working on developing this so watch this space!

Other comments received:	What we are doing / How we can help:
Difficulties to motivate pupils whilst working at home.	Consider developing a routine at home (if you haven't already) and come up with a reward system / more frequent learning break e.g. every 30 minutes.
	If you have already implemented the advice listed, contact your child's class teacher for further support via their home learning accounts.
Difficulties with meeting deadlines on top of other commitments, such as work.	We understand that the deadlines can cause you stress, but please don't worry if work is handed in after the 'deadline'. We have to set these so that we can manage the work flow in school.
	We will do our best to respond to pupil work that comes in late but we cannot guarantee a response. It will of course be looked at.
Live lessons would benefit my child more.	We are trialling this in Y3 & 4 and hoping to do this in Y1-6 after half term.

I also wanted to share some comments from you which are greatly appreciated:

"I would like to thank the Teacher's for taking so much trouble and teaching the children through online learning."

"Thanks for all the hard work set for it keeps us all busy and we love learning new things!"

"We couldn't be happier with the standard of work set and the ease at which we can access it via Teams. We appreciate all the hard behind the scenes to enable to enjoy his home learning journey as much as he does."

Y3 & 4 Live Lessons:

These have been working well in school so far. Miss Doody and Miss Villers have loved to see all of their children participating at home and we can't wait to be able to offer this to Y1-6 after half term when the Y3 & 4 trial is over.

Thank you to our parents who have emailed Miss Doody & Miss Villers to let them know how it is going, your feedback has been invaluable.

Please remember, if things are getting tough at home, please contact your child's class teacher so we may support you:

yx.homelearning@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk (swap the x for your child's year group)

Next week **is Internet Safety Week**, the children will be provided with some top tips on how to keep safe online, which seems quite fitting for all the work we are completing on devices at the moment!

We hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely

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