



Sunday 21st February 2021

Good afternoon

We are hoping that you've all had a well earned rest and break from home schooling. It got harder as the term went on and everyone was ready for a break, even if the highlight of your days was another walk! Hopefully, the press conference tomorrow evening will bring some welcome news as to when we can return to the classroom.

New term, new start

Some children suffered from 'home learning burnout' by the end of last term, if they are reluctant to begin home learning again, please tell them it's a 'new term, new start', getting back into a routine maybe hard, but it'll be good for their mental wellbeing. Remember, we don't expect you to act as teachers, facilitating and supporting your children to engage with the work and providing them with encouragement and a dedicated work space means that you're doing a great job! Get them to log onto Google Meet and see their friends and teachers again and see some familiar faces. If they are struggling with using the camera, just switch it off. We are here to support you, if they need more support please email school and I am happy to have a chat with them and offer some pastoral support. Your teachers are available via their gmail emails, please be mindful that they are teaching full time and facilitating home learning but will aim to get back to you asap.

Logging into the new classroom

We will continue to use Google Classroom and Google Meet to deliver our home learning. When logging onto Google Classroom with your usual username and password, you will notice a new classroom (box) called Year X Spring 2 2020 for the school work this half term. Please 'JOIN' the new classroom and you will see the work for this week. All work going forward will be in this new classroom. This new classroom will also mean that the Google Meet codes from last term will not work and should be replaced with the ones below.

Spring 2 Meet codes

Please contact the school office or check your emails for the new meet codes.

If your children are attending school part time, please continue to access the home school work on the days that they are at home. Paper packs are available from the office, please call ahead and request to collect one.

Assembly

Logging into Assembly will NOT change. Log in on Monday and Fridays at 10am.

Internet/Device needs

If you need any support with logging in please contact the office who will be able to help. Also, if your device needs have changed, please contact the office and they will prepare a device for you to collect. We also have a very small number of routers and sim cards if you need internet access.

Track and trace

Please remember to inform us if you or a member of your household has a positive COVID test or if you have been in contact with someone so are isolating. It is important that we know this information so that we can protect the whole community.

Cross your fingers for a return to face to face learning in the next few weeks. Once we know more and have a plan, we will be in touch.

Best wishes

Mrs Drake