



8th January 2021

Dear Parents

Wow, what a roller-coaster schools have been on this last week.

Firstly, once again a very happy new year to you all and a very warm welcome to our new nursery children and their families.

Thank you all for your very kind words of appreciation and support this week you won't believe how much they mean to us all. We all agree that the best place for children to learn is in school, face to face with their teachers and playing with their friends. Unlike the previous lockdown, we have had more time to develop what we are able to offer for remote learning, which meant we were able to be up and running from day 1. I am so grateful that we made the call on Monday to move to remote learning as it gave us a few precious hours extra than the 12 hours the government gave.

If anyone has any issues on the online learning that is being offered, please in the first instance, contact your class teacher or myself so we can address them. Although, so far all I have received is positive praise, please do keep that coming as the term progresses.

A few guidelines for behaviour during the live lessons, please share with your children. The learning platform we are trying to create is a representation of a real classroom.

- Please be punctual to the live lessons. An attendance register will be taken every morning. Please do let your teacher know if your child cannot attend the session and the reasons why. Whilst we understand the complexities of juggling other siblings and your own work, we don't want any child to fall under the radar.
- Please do not let your children eat during the live lessons Teachers do not permit eating during lessons when the children are in school and it is very distracting. Snack breaks have been thought about in the daily timetable. Having a drink whilst learning and participating is fine.
- Create a suitable learning environment for your child, make sure they can sit at a table for the lesson (where possible). Have access to a drink, pencil, ruler, rubber, paper and any worksheets required.
- When your child is learning online, please reduce any background distractions i.e. television, telephone calls, pets etc. as much as possible.
- Your child will need to be on mute when directed by the teacher. Whilst the backgrounds are fun, if they distract from the learning they will be asked to remove them.



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- Encourage your child to learn independently – by all means sit next to them to offer support, but please be off camera especially during the live lesson. Children are very easily distracted.
- Please be aware that the lesson is for the whole class and not just for your child. Try not to interrupt the teacher when they are delivering the lesson.
- Teachers will respond to your child’s work once your child returns it, please be mindful that teachers will not be able to reply instantly due to the structure of their day/week.
- Remember to consider and balance your child’s emotional wellbeing too by providing ample room and time for reflection, physical activity, conversation, and play. The teacher input will be online but most of the activities and learning should be completed away from the computer where possible.

Finally, you have a duty to inform the school of any positive cases of COVID. Schools have a responsibility of reporting these. Even if your child is not in school we must be notified.

May I wish you all a safe weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cayne Miller". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned to the left of the rest of the page.