

“Start, strive, struggle, succeed, smile!”

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Good afternoon,

Another week of remote learning is behind us! Staff are missing having all of our pupils in school and can't wait to welcome back our children once more. We continue to be impressed by pupil engagement with their learning and the uptake is excellent. We are also really enjoying building on our remote learning plan. Thank you so much for your support, we do understand how challenging this is and it certainly isn't our preference either; teachers want children back in school when it is safe to do so.

Following from feedback last week, we are now facilitating small group interventions and all teachers are recording teaching videos where relevant. We hope that this has helped. We have also offered parent/teachers meetings to discuss your child's home learning and offer support where needed. We understand that for some, you consider us to be setting too much work and for others, too little. We are striving to find a happy medium but pleasing everyone is an impossible task. Please can we remind you that we understand that every family is in a unique position and might complete varying degrees of work at varying times of the day and that this is fine. For those of you who have requested additional activities, we suggest that you visit <https://www.thenational.academy/>. It has some amazing lessons and a virtual library too.

For your information, each Friday afternoon will be teachers' planning and preparation time so they will not be responsive to marking work at this time. Ms Hancock will take her planning and preparation on her usual Thursday afternoon and Miss Mulroy will be covering this time as well as a Friday morning.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend!

Kate Douglass

Headteacher