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Dear Parents and Carers,

Remote Learning and drop in Sessions

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to provide feedback about our home learning offer, and for your kind words of encouragement. We have had some great feedback about the pre-recorded teaching videos available to pupils which now support the activities. These videos allow children to pause and review learning as many times as they need to, and can be accessed at any time of the day. Due to the success of these videos, we will be keeping these going as part of our home learning offer.

From the parent emails, we have noted that whilst some parents would welcome live sessions, many parents remain concerned that they may not be able to support their child through live sessions set at a specific time each day, due to work commitments or as they are having to support other children at the same time. The reasons for wanting live lessons have mostly been around the well-being of children, to help children feel more connected with their classmates, and to motivate children to want to learn and participate in home learning.

We are therefore pleased to be able to offer the following which we hope will suit the vast majority of parents.

Drop in session

Next week we will be providing a drop in session through Google Meet. This session will be a 10 minute session to allow your child to see their teacher and classmates at home.

Guidelines

Please read the attached code of conduct document before your designated drop in session.

Participation in the session is confirmation that you have read and agree to the code of conduct.

Please discuss this with your child before the session.

- Children must log in using their Google Classroom account; they will not be admitted into the meeting if they are using a personal account.
- Teachers will share the Google Meet link needed on your child's Google Classroom stream and it will go live 5 minutes before the session. This is to make sure that a member of school staff is present on the Google Meet before any children join the session.
- When a session ends, all children must leave the meeting and then a member of staff will close the session.
- Two staff members must be present on a meeting in order for it to take place.
- Each session will be recorded and stored following schools data storage guidelines
- Live contact has been planned so that only one class is online at any one time to ensure that families with more than one child at our school are not disadvantaged.
- These sessions are for teaching staff and pupils only. We ask that household members do not participate in the live session however we do recommend that a parent/carer is present in the room during the session.

- Teachers will aim to make this an interactive session, so it may include games or quizzes.
- You will receive a message via Parent App and Google Classroom to inform you of the date and time of your child's session.

We hope that these drop in sessions will help to enhance students' remote learning experience and wellbeing by having contact and interaction with their teachers and peers. However, please be aware that school staff reserve the right to remove students from a live session if their behaviour does not meet expectations and parents/carers will be informed.

What if I cannot support my child to participate in any of these live sessions?

There is no obligation for your child to join these drop in sessions and we appreciate that the timings might not work for all families.

If you DO NOT want your child to participate in these sessions at all, please contact the school via your year group email to let us know your reasons why.

Times of sessions

<u>Class</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Gruffalo	Tuesday 9th	2.00
Tiddler	Tuesday 9th	2.15
Unicorns	Thursday 11th	2.00
Dinosaurs	Thursday 11th	2.15
Stickman	Wednesday 10th	9.00
Smartest Giants	Wednesday 10th	9.15
Crocodiles	Friday 12th	11.30
Giraffes	Friday 12th	11.45
Minpins	Thursday 11th	10.30
Mr Foxes	Thursday 11th	10.45
Oompa Loompas	Monday 8th	10.00
Witches	Monday 8th	10.15
Bogtrotters	Monday 8th	2.00
BFGs	Monday 8th	2.15

Code of conduct and agreement

To ensure that these sessions are successful and to keep pupils and staff safe, we have devised a code of conduct for these sessions (attached) which all pupils, parents and staff must agree to when they participate in them. Please make sure your child understands the protocol before any live session. As already stated by allowing your child to participate in these drop in sessions you are agreeing to follow the terms and conditions set out.

We will regularly review all remote learning in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support and kind words as we continue on our journey of working in a new way.

Best wishes,

Wendy Walters