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Remote Learning update

We are now several weeks into the 2021 lockdown. I genuinely want to say well done to everyone for surviving with this lockdown, because that's what we are all doing, but in our own way. So just to say, you're doing a great job!

During this time, the teaching staff are providing the St Peter's version of home learning, which has evolved from paper packs and website links and now currently via Microsoft Teams. We feel that connection, relationship and communication is key to help you to support your child's education and you, as your child's primary educator, during this lockdown. To which we would like to thank you for your ongoing support, feedback, overwhelming positivity and understanding.

Moreover, this week with home learning, we have experienced a few hiccups with a handful of children pressing buttons they shouldn't have on Teams along with fiddling and wandering children. We understand children grasp new technology quickly and independently; currently children have to engage with their learning remotely and this may cause frustration, lack of concentration, over excitement, etc.

This comes with challenges at home (juggling supervision and working from home) and in school too with taking care of vulnerable / key worker children and planning and teaching remotely. This is why we have in place a code of conduct and expectations for home learning.

Below are a few extracts from our code of conduct which will help the teaching teams in school support you and your child/ren. I would ask that you refresh yourself with the policy (link below) and remind your child of these expectations to enable our high expectations of learning to continue. If you ever require additional support, please contact your child's teacher.

Extract below from our **code of conduct and expectations for Home Learning**

<https://www.eastbridgfordstpeters.co.uk/policies/>

We expect children to:

- Respect the ethos and values of our school, through their Take Care attitude towards work and each other
- To show the same level of respect, focus and concentration as they would be expected to show in school
- Be respectful and kind to other children at all times – no private messaging using the online platform

- Keep their videos and microphones off unless requested to turn them on
- To talk to their teacher or phone school if they have any worries or concerns

We expect parents to:

- Respect the ethos and values of our school, through encouraging their child to have a Take Care attitude toward their work
- Work together with staff in the best interests of our pupils, by supporting their child with completing their lessons and contacting school if they require further support
- Maintain a close eye on the online activities of their child and reinforce the E-Safety guidelines with their child

This week a Microsoft Forms questionnaire will be emailed out and will offer the opportunity to give feedback directly to school on our home learning provision. With the aim of hearing what is working well and how we might meet further needs whilst moving forward together in a collaborative way.

Take care and stay safe.

Regards

Mr Tomlinson