



WTPS PARENT FORUM – 16.09.2020

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DATE: 16.09.2020	IN ATTENDANCE: PK/IJ/SF/AK		
PREVIOUS ACTIONS - ITEM	NOTES	ACTIONS	DEADLINE
Comments/ questions	Response from SLT	ACTIONS	DEADLINE
<p>Assessment What was the purpose of the tests? And the school need to consider the children's self-esteem when they have not had as much schooling the last few months.</p>	<p>The assessments were purely for the school to identify gaps in the pupils learning and understanding. The amount of support that children received from parents and carers whilst in lockdown will have been inconsistent, and teachers need a clear understanding of pupil's strengths and weaknesses in order to teach well. We have therefore carried out 'Baseline' assessments so that staff can analyse and evaluate outcomes to plan rapid, targeted intervention for children where needed, and adjust general teaching to overcome the learning lost in lockdown. These assessments should have been carried out in a supportive atmosphere (less formal than formal standardised tests), and their purpose made clear to pupils – i.e. that they could not pass or fail, but simply served to help teachers understand the needs of their classes. Whilst as a school we do not enjoy 'testing', we felt that, in this specific situation, it was the quickest and most appropriate way to gauge the needs to pupils without further disrupting learning.</p>	<p>Mr Jefferey to speak to teachers to ensure that the children are secure in understanding the purpose of the assessments.</p>	
<p>Homework and parents marking</p>	<p><u>Home Learning set each week</u></p> <p><u>Rec</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Maths and one English focussed activity • One choice of topic work selected from the Home Learning curriculum grid. 		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily reading to be recorded in Reading Journals <p><u>Year 1 and 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One Maths or one English activity (To be reviewed)• One choice of topic work selected from the Home Learning curriculum grid.• Daily reading to be recorded in Reading Journals <p><u>Year 3 to 6</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One Maths and one English activity• One choice of topic work selected from the Home Learning curriculum grid.• Daily reading to be recorded in Reading Journals <p>All homework will be uploaded onto DBPrimary on a Friday. Children are expected to complete their Homework in their Home Learning books and either take a picture or scan of it to upload onto DBprimary, no later than the following Wednesday. Reading Journal should be submitted fortnightly.</p> <p>Answers to some Homework will be provided for children to self-mark before submitting on DBPrimary. Whether Home Learning is marked by the children or not, teachers will provide feedback, either through DBprimary or by revisiting the learning in class. Due to COVID19 restrictions, we are not expecting Homework books to return to school.</p>		
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	Children have been shown how to upload their work onto DBPrimary and a parent guide has been sent via parent mail to all parents.		
Communication and contradictory information and not always seeing promises through. Particular reference to parents not knowing about PE days or not having Half Term curriculum overviews	Apologies first of all as we do not always get it right and the feedback from parents is so valuable. Curriculum maps need to be on the website and will be up by the end of today (Y1 and Y2 missing) The website needs to be updated and this will be a priority for the SLT over the next few weeks Slides from all Year group Parent Meetings which took place last week will be available on the website (under curriculum tab) with information about what is been taught in each year group.	Mrs Kubweza to work with YGLs to get this information on the system asap. PE days for all year groups to be on the website by end of week Monday 28th SB to update the website- to take down outdated information	
One-way system and bottle neck for parents at the end	Mrs Kettory wanted to thank the vast majority of parents that have been so supportive of the school Parents appreciated what we have been doing 2 suggestion were put forward 1- To reverse the one-way system 2- To hold and stop parents and only have the right number of parents travel through the last part	SLT to discuss both good suggestions at the next meeting	
Uniform- parents wanted clarification	Children can wear black or grey jogging bottoms as well as normal uniform	SB to update the website	
If parents cannot get a test will the child still not be able to come back to school and will work be provided.	If a parent or any member of the family who display one of the key symptoms but cannot be tested then the child /children need to isolate for ten days and then return to school. Children in this situation will be provided with work. Work is being sent home already but need to ensure consistently.	SLT to explore a more effective system to provide quality work for children in this situation. SLT to explore further the suggestion made by parents	



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	Parent suggested emailing the class teacher’s slides to the parents.		
What will the school do if a child is tested positive for Covid?	Please refer to the Parent Handbook. We are going to put in place a ‘tracking system’ where children will write who they have been in close contact during unstructured times. We would only ask children who have been in close proximity to the child concerned for more than ten minutes to self-isolate too. All parents will be informed. The SLT would always seek advice from Public Health and the Local Authority		
Hot lunches	Hot lunches will be available from 28.09.20. Year 2,4 and 6 will have a hot lunch in the lunch hall on Week A and Year 1,3 and 5 will have hot lunches on Week B. The children will have a cold lunch in their classroom the week they are not in the hall. This is to ensure that the lunch hall has more space and there is cleaning time between each year group entering.		
Online books	Due to COVID19 restrictions, the school will not be giving out books. The school will be introducing an online booking system, with a vast range of books, in the coming weeks. Children will be given their own unique password to access this resource. In addition, children are encouraged to read books they have at home or to use many of the free online book stem such as https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/	SLT to ensure online access of books for all children.	