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RE: Remote Home Learning during Lockdown 3

Dear Parents,

From Monday we will providing a series of **'Live' Lessons (at least 3 a day) for children in Year 1 – Year 6**. With the sheer number of Reception Critical Workers and how Reception children learn, we do not feel Live Lessons will work. Reception Children: There will be a series of recorded daily lessons similar to the lessons provided during their self-isolation period – Reception Parents, please follow the same path as before from our school website.

So how will this work? ...here goes.

How will my child access the Live Lessons?

- **Instruction guides and additional information are attached.** Firstly, please don't panic about how complicated it looks. The instruction guides look long but we have tried to break it down into very simple bite-size chunks. Once you and your child(ren) have done this a few times it will be easy...we hope.

What devices will work for Live Lessons?

- Laptops, tablets and phones with access to the **internet** should work **BUT all the devices need ZOOM downloaded** (you do not need to create an account, but if you have one then that is equally fine).
- Obviously the bigger the screen the better but we have tried this through a phone and you are able to see the class teacher and see the work set. Not ideal but please give this a go.

Do I need a device PER child?

- Yes. We collected data on 'who has what' before Christmas and will be in touch with the most vulnerable families who said they do not have access to a device per child.
- For families who do not have a device per child we will look to 'loan' out our laptops. This will take a little bit of time but hopefully by next Friday it is hoped that all children will be accessing the Live Lessons.

Will an adult need to be there to support them during the Live Lessons?

- Ideally an adult will support the child(ren) but it really does depend on the lesson, the age of the child and also how confident they are in using the device.

Learning from each other – achieving together



Are the lessons secure, i.e. what measures are there to keep the lessons safe?

- This is our number one priority.
- You will need to access your **emails** for the daily schedule each morning (we are looking to link these to our website but we need to make sure the security is set first). Please make sure this email is not shared with anyone.
- Zoom has a 'waiting room' so when you've gained access to the lesson you will be put in a waiting room and only an SVPS member of staff will let you into the Live Lesson.
- **To be allowed into the lesson you will need to enter YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME when the screen allows you to. SVPS staff will not allow entry unless the CHILD'S FULL NAME is entered.**
- A Teacher and TA will be at each Live Lesson.

Are the Live Lessons the best way to continue their learning during Lockdown 3?

- **YES.** This is the best way for your child to continue with their learning and therefore not slip too far behind again. However, if it proves impossible then please still access the work from each lesson.

What will happen if my child(ren) misses a Live Lesson?

- We will be taking a register for EACH zoom live lesson. If your child does not attend we be giving you a friendly phone call to talk through why your child was not able to join. We will start with contact 1 and work down the list.

Will the Live Lessons match the work being completed in school?

- **YES.** We are continuing wherever possible to run our normal timetabled week. Obviously there will be some lessons which are not conducive to remote learning so we will be providing a very good alternative.

Will my child receive feedback on their remote home learning?

- A separate letter will be sent out early next week regarding how children at home will get feedback on their work.

My child attends school for only a few days a week. Will the learning 'follow on' when they are at home?

- **YES.** That is why we have moved to 3 Live Lessons per day as this will ensure that their work follows-on and links to lockdown journey of work.

If we have technical issues what should we do?

- Mr Bradnam will be our Tech Parent Support Advisor. Please email Mr. Bradnam (itsupport@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk) any questions regarding Tech Support between Monday and Thursday...each Friday he will be in touch via live chats to hopefully sort out any issues you may have. If the issue looks simple to explain he may be able to reply to your email.

What is the incentive for my child(ren) to do the work?

- **Class Charts and Positives:** For every Zoom Live Lesson attended each child will be awarded a Positive Point. There will be at least 15 Live Zoom Lessons a week and Class Charts is now set to automatically add 5 more Positive Points when a child receives 15 in one week, therefore getting 20 Positives.

This is all very new for every teacher, child and parent. We will be taking each lesson as it comes and undoubtable we will encounter some teething issues so if I can ask that you remain patient and continue to support us I would be very grateful. This is also quite exciting but at the same time quite daunting for my teachers. All my staff have been brilliant over the last couple of days, completely changing our mind-set on our remote learning offer and they are all geared up and ready to give it a go.

Please take time over the weekend to digest this and my advice is...give it a go. To start off with it will seem tricky but we know that the Government are looking at 'at least 6 weeks' before we move out of Lockdown 3

Thanks for your continued support and as always do take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Mills', written over a horizontal dashed line.

Mr. Mills Head Teacher