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Remote Learning Update

To all Parents/Carers,

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Following feedback from families, children, staff and the DfE (to be fair it's a constant stream of feedback from multiple sources!) we are currently in the process of reviewing our Remote Learning approach. Don't worry, we aren't suddenly going to drop using Microsoft Teams or anything like that, we are looking more at the structure of the online day, the use of live teaching (this can be defined as 'live' face-to-face or pre-recorded sessions from teachers) and how it can be further enhanced for parents/carers having to juggle it with their own jobs.

We will be working on this next week with a view to rolling it out at the latest on Monday 25th January. However, for now, two things will be changing from Monday:

- **The deadline for submitting assignments has been moved to 11:59pm (that's as late as MS Teams will allow for work submitted the same day). This means that any work submitted on the same day will not be classed as 'late'.**
- **In addition to this, work for the following day will be uploaded the night before by 7:30pm. This is to allow additional preparation time for the following day, if it is needed. We would urge you to have a look at the work but wait until after the Morning Meeting before completing it.**

We will also review the 'virtual' breaktimes, which are attended by fewer and fewer children each day and the regularity of the KS1 and KS2 story times. We do welcome feedback on our Remote Learning approach but please do bear in mind that what might work for you, your child and your circumstances is likely to have the opposite effect for somebody else. We are working hard to find that balance.

Ofsted have also released a key document about Remote learning and what they have concluded, based on research, about the many different Remote Learning approaches schools are adopting nationally. **They summarise these findings as 'unhelpful myths!'**

Some unhelpful myths exist about remote education, which are not based on evidence.

These include that:

- *remote education is fundamentally different to other forms of teaching/learning*
- *remote education is a different curriculum/offer to the content that would be delivered normally*
- *the best forms of remote education are digital*
- *the best way to deliver remote education is always through live lessons*
- *the most important thing is pupils' engagement*

That's it for now but please do keep an eye on your emails next week as more information about further changes start to trickle through.

Take care and have a good weekend,

Mr I. Johnson