

Mossvale ELCC & Primary School
Parent Newsletter
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Believe and you will achieve.



Well another week of Remote and Hub Learning done!
Thank you for all your time and effort, the level of work completed has been incredible. Last week we calculated we had 87% of families joining us and posting brilliant work. I have loved seeing all the posts every day and sharing all the children's learning. **I want to reinforce that there is NO expectation for children to complete all tasks set and we don't expect it. We are providing a variety of tasks for you to choose.**
We can see from the Government briefing that this period of learning is now going to continue until the middle of February and we will keep you updated.

With that clarified we have been reviewing the Home Learning in consultation with staff and the Parent Council whilst taking into account updates from the Authority. From this we are making some changes to ensure the whole approach is manageable for everyone and we can track and monitor pupil progress. We have looked at the things that are really working and what we can amend to allow better feedback on pupil progress.

In the last Lockdown there was not as big an uptake on Home Learning and therefore teachers were not getting as much work returned to them. This time the engagement is so high staff can be getting 10 posts every 5 minutes and often these posts can contain a huge amount of Literacy or Numeracy. As staff review and take notes in planners on a piece of learning another 20 pieces can be popping in and people are looking for quick feedback. To ensure children are getting quality feedback and staff can plan the best learning supports we are making some slight changes.



- Every teacher will check in with their class with a video each morning and talk children through the day.
- During this check in teachers will let children know which groups they are going to be focusing on for feedback and assessment that day. All other children will have their work checked by the teacher but may not that day get the level of feedback

- as they will get as the focus group the next day. Across the week all work will be checked and feedback given but there may be days when it is more detailed than others. Mrs Maclean and I will also be checking during every week too.
- We are now developing things further by piloting live sessions with class teachers and P7 have taken the first step into this today. It can be quite a tricky process but we will learn from this week and look at how we can make it easier. Ms Bain is leading on this with Ms Henderson and we will use their expertise to share with other staff. The plan is to now move this to the infants for a morning live story session with their teacher and to give children the chance to see their friends who we know they are really missing. We will keep you updated on how this is rolling out.
 - Any tasks that have external sites we will aim to post the link to click on to for ease of access.
 - A Friday will start with the usual staff check in and this may be the time we try our first live sessions. Children will then be encouraged to have their active slot with either Joe Wicks, GBX or going out for a walk. At 11 am we will be asking all children to log in for assembly and there will then be a follow up challenge/task. Friday can also be used for catching up as your week may have been busy and you may want some time to go back and complete some tasks you did not get to. We then recommend a chillout Friday afternoon maybe with games, movies, lots of snacks and time for parents to recover from all the Home Schooling!

Can we also ask that children complete the daily check in link from Ms Bain. Sometimes children are just commenting on it but we need them to complete it to ensure we know how everyone is feeling each day.

We hope this clarifies everything you can now expect and how we will manage this really challenging situation. I hope you can find some time for the assembly this afternoon.

Thank you to everyone for all their positive feedback and comments this has meant so much to all the staff and really given them a boost. Keep in touch and have a lovely weekend whatever you manage to do!

My very best wishes and thanks for your cooperation.



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