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Remote Learning Newsletter 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we continue to provide remote learning during this current lockdown, I thought it would be a good idea to share some top tips for learning at home.

I appreciate that everyone's home situation will be very different and some of the advice below won't be practical for you but I hope you can take something from the ideas below to support you in helping your children learn from home.

Top Tips for Effective Home Learning:

1. Make sure your child goes to bed at a reasonable time. They must be up and ready for learning at 9 am daily.

2. Create a work station for your child at home and have the resources ready for learning.

3. Have children working in different rooms or at separate work station in the same room.

4. Headphones with a microphone are a good idea when children are online in the same room.

5. Listen to the guidance given during registration so you know what your child needs to do.

6. Have regular breaks such as mid-morning and lunch. Also have mini-breaks throughout the day.

7. Have regular contact with the class teacher if your child is having difficulty.

8. Support your child in completing their work where you can. What are they finding tricky?

9. Think about where the camera is facing during live lessons. No personal data on show.

10. Monitor what your child is posting online and what they have access to.

11. Talk with your child to see how they are feeling. How are they coping with lockdown? How are they managing their school work?

Remote Learning Expectations

Throughout this period of remote learning you can expect a variety of approaches from the school staff to online learning. You will have some live lessons, recorded lessons, work placed on DB Primary and catch up live lessons for key children.

The expectation is that all children log onto DB Primary at 9am for registration and the teacher will explain the days learning. Throughout the day, your child will have set work to carry out or zoom live lessons to attend.

Miss Vincent has sent you a video to watch in regards to the expectations of teachers marking work online and what this looks like. If you haven't yet watched it then please click on this link.

https://youtu.be/tKBMsm0q_cg

Please remember that if you receive a call from a withheld number, it is likely to be your child's class teacher, so please answer your phone.

Behavior and Online Safety

It's important that children continue to display the same level of good behavior when learning remotely. Teachers have explained the rules during online live lessons and what good behavior looks like whilst generally being online.

Poor behavior or misuse of messaging platforms will be dealt with by the class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

As a parent, it is vital that you regularly monitor your child's use of online devices. You need to be aware of what they are using, what they are seeing, who they are talking to and how they are behaving online. If you have any problems with online bullying or inappropriate behaviour, please contact the class teacher.

Here are a couple of good websites to support you in this:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Safeguarding

The school safeguarding team continue to meet weekly to discuss our children and families. We make contact with families on a weekly basis to see how you are getting on and if you require further support.

We are able to direct our families to our brilliant Outreach Team who support on a wide range of topics. They are there to listen, support you in accessing specialised advice, offer online training and provide food parcels if you are struggling.

If a child has not been present during registration and the teacher hasn't been able to make contact, the office will call to find out why this is. If no contact has still been made, then you will receive a letter explaining that if you don't contact us then a visit will be made to your home.

It is so important to contact the school and let us know if your child will be absent from online learning because they are ill. Please call the Cuckoo Hall office if this happens.

Devices and Internet

We are continuing to provide free Wi-Fi and chrome books for those that require it. We have a waiting list for devices and hope to be able to provide some more devices soon.

Please contact Cuckoo Hall Academy office if you are having difficulties accessing the online learning on 0208 804 4126.

We also have a small number of children accessing their learning through weekly paper work. This must be collected from the school office, for identified children, every Monday and completed work returned so that it can be given to the class teacher.

Support with Online Learning

Please go to the school website and click on the 'learning from home' on the front page. This will

take you to the home learning page where you will find lots of helpful 'How to' guides on how to use DB Primary, upload work and how to use Zoom.
On this page you can also access the Nursery weekly home learning.

School Reading Book Exchange

Every Monday afternoon, from 12:30 -2pm, you can come into school and swap your school reading books. Please come into the **Cuckoo Hall** playground, through the **Mottingham Road** entrance, and make your way to the reading room. A member of staff will be standing outside to guide you in.

Communication

Please keep in contact with us throughout the lockdown. Our school office is still open and the senior team are in school supporting with the Key Worker Hub. If you are a Woodpecker parent, please make sure that all your telephone communication comes through the Cuckoo Hall office on 0208 804 4126. You can also email both schools at cuckoo@chat-edu.org.uk and woodpecker@chat-edu.org.uk

Kind Regards,



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