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Home Learning Feedback

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to those families who completed our recent 'Home Learning Feedback' questionnaire. It has been very interesting to read everyone's comments, but also heartening to see that our hard work during this period of home learning has been appreciated by families.

The feedback that has been given will be considered as we make our plans for any future need for home learning. Fingers crossed, the need for this will diminish through the course of 2021. In the meantime, we wanted to share with you some highlights of the feedback received.

- Of those who received home learning during Lockdown 1.0 and 3.0, 90% agreed the provision this time was 'a little better' or 'much better', the remaining 10% feeling it was about the same. Specific feedback received included:
 - *"Impressed at greater content."*
 - *"Registration online starts the day on the right foot."*
 - *"Great variety of differentiated tasks."*
- 40% of parents felt the amount of work set was manageable, however 56% felt it was either slightly or completely overwhelming. The Government set expectations around the amount of work that they expected schools to set. We do appreciate however that this can be very hard for parents to manage at home. Although we did move to increasing the amount of live and pre-recorded sessions towards the end of the last lockdown, this is something that we would continue to increase.
- 87% of families agreed or strongly agreed that they had been easily able to communicate with their child's teacher. We were very pleased to see that the changes we have made have clearly had a positive impact. Specific feedback included:
 - *"Communication from individual teachers has been incredible."*
 - *"Communication has been great and at the right level."*
 - *"The school have communicated well and kept us well informed."*
 - *"Communication has been better during this lockdown than at any point over the last 2 years."*
- 93% of families felt they had been well supported by the school. The comments from those who felt less supported requested that more work be provided in the form of recorded lessons from the teachers. We are looking to try and incorporate more recorded and live lessons should we need to provide remote learning again, whilst also

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considering that 83% of families have said they like the mix of online learning with some paper-based work we provided this lockdown.

- There has been a mixed response to the 3 outside agency platforms we provided through MyMaths, Fitter Future and Collins Ebooks. The most popular was MyMaths, with 66% of families finding it 'somewhat useful' or 'extremely useful'. We fully appreciate the feedback of parents wanting to reduce screen time. However, certainly with the Ebooks, it is very difficult to provide actual reading books due to managing the quarantining restrictions when the books are returned to school.
- The 2 biggest barriers to learning were identified as:
 - 'Lack of time from me as a parent/carer' (46%)
 - 'Lack of motivation from my child' (36%).

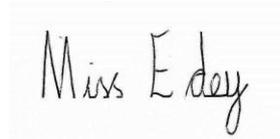
We do acknowledge how hard it is for parents to work from home and be expected to take up the role of 'teacher' during a lockdown and we do also fully appreciate the work that parents have been able to complete with their children whilst they have been learning from home.

All our teaching staff were very grateful to receive specific, personal praise and these have all been shared with individual staff. Holistic feedback included:

- *"The teachers have been brilliant, and we cannot thank them enough for the time and effort that has been put in."*
- *"Thank you for all your hard work, you are all incredible!"*
- *"The teacher has been very supportive."*
- *"The content created has been great and very well received."*
- *"I hope the whole staff body can have a well-deserved rest over half term."*

Once again, thank you for taking the time to provide us with your feedback. Your feedback will make a difference in shaping future home learning if required.

Kind regards



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