



Wombwell Park Street Primary School

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Tuesday 19th January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Home Learning

I would firstly like to take this opportunity to say a huge WELL DONE to all of our pupils for their efforts in home learning so far. As a school, we are very proud of our children and the resilience they are showing. As always, our wonderful pupils are working their hardest – even if this is on Seesaw!

We are now at a stage where we feel that we have a good working model for home learning. The feedback from parents so far has been positive and staff are now all set up to give our pupils the best learning experience from home. I am sure that we will still have a few creases to iron out as we continue to move forward but the iron is plugged in and ready to iron them out as quickly as possible! I thought it would be useful to give you an update as to where we are with some elements of home learning and what our next steps are.

Parent Drop-Ins

As you will be aware, last week we hosted a series of parent drop-in sessions. It was lovely to be able to see some friendly faces once again – even if this was over Zoom. In the sessions, we were able to offer support and find out some of the issues you are finding with home learning. Last night, we had a staff meeting and looked at how we can improve our home learning package further to address these. Parents that attended the meetings were positive and appreciative of the support offered.

With this in mind, we have decided to host a weekly Zoom drop-in session. In this session, parents will be able to 'drop-in' and ask any questions they may have. We will be hosting this every Wednesday from 5pm until 6pm. This will continue to run until school reopens. There is no need to stay for the full session – you are welcome to just drop in, ask your questions and then go. However, feel free to stay for the hour if you would like! During the session, Mrs Lawson and I will be available to offer advice, answer any questions and provide technical support. To attend any of these Wednesday sessions, please use the following link:

Topic: Parent Drop-in - Remote Learning Support

Time: This meeting will take place at 5pm every Wednesday

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76281080798?pwd=NlZlZWZ2JNeHJJejdJaXJOOHk0eXNGZz09>

Meeting ID: 762 8108 0798

Passcode: ParkStreet

To further support parents at home, we will be sending out a question and answer sheet this week. This has been created from the questions that were asked at the drop-in session and from other questions that we have been asked.

Pupil drop-In

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After a successful launch of the parent drop-in sessions, we are now offering a pupil drop-in session. These sessions will be aimed at KS2 pupils as we hope to further develop their independence and Seesaw skills. The sessions will be ran as follows:

Year 3 and 4 children:

Thursday 21st January 2021 – 3.30pm-4.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76730031765?pwd=UGtoMW5iU2pSYUFldXFZRHdaVXFhdz09>

Meeting ID: 767 3003 1765

Passcode: ParkStreet

Year 5 and 6 children:

Friday 21st January 2021 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Topic: Pupil Drop-In

Time: Jan 22, 2021 03:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76696847260?pwd=T012WmFSQlpaa3VYYTkvbUpqZG1WZz09>

Meeting ID: 766 9684 7260

Passcode: ParkStreet

Please ensure that the usual Zoom procedures are followed by the children when attending these meetings.

Zoom

Please ensure that, where possible, if your child is not in school they attend the daily zoom session. These have been created to support children with their learning, give opportunities for staff to check in with children and also maintain the strong relationships that have been built – these will be an integral part of supporting the children with transitioning back into school. If your child is unable to attend the Zoom meeting, please ensure that you follow the school's attendance procedures.

I would also like to remind you that, as always, safeguarding remains a priority for Park Street. Please ensure that the following guidelines are followed when your child is on Zoom:

- pupils are appropriately dressed
- pupils are positioned in a place where parents can see the meeting
- pupils understand there will be a high expectation of behaviour
- the chat facility is only used when staff members request it is used
- children have a blank background with no photographs in it.

Seesaw Support

We are aware that Seesaw is a relatively new platform that we are still getting used to. To support with accessing learning on Seesaw, we have created a video that has tips and tricks to help with accessing and completing learning. This can be found on our school's website using the following link:

<https://www.wombwellparkstreet.co.uk/remote-learning.html>

As always, if you need any support, have any suggestions for improvements or would like to further discuss our home learning offer then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Fidment
Home Learning Lead

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