

Dear All

We and I hope you have made it to the end of the week- albeit slightly more ruffled and fatigued than expected. The children who are in school have settled in well and acclimatised to new adults and new routines. I want to stress that our numbers are at a **maximum**. With 1 in 30 people in Southwark having the virus and the higher the number of children in school, the more likely the chances of transmission within the school setting.

Thank you for those who tuned into our whole school assembly, we reached our maximum (we are enquiring about increasing our capacity) and not everybody got in. Unfortunately, we also had a wee hitch so the recording failed- but we have uploaded the presentation to your child's Google Class room. Next week, we promise to do better.

### Remote Learning and Provision

All the teachers are really impressed with the turn out of children to the Googlemeets, and the quality of work being uploaded. Please look below at the some of the examples the teachers have submitted.

If you are struggling with the amount of devices in your home, please contact the office. I appreciate that remote learning will never match the level of school learning, but I have attached a document from the EFT about what the research says regarding the best provision for remote learning. I also recognise that each family is different in the volume of work they can access. For some, our provision won't be enough, while for others it may feel like the opposite end of the spectrum. That's where our platforms, like Mathletics, ReadingEggs and Duolingo come into play: if you need more learning materials, you can access these or if your child needs less then you can reduce your child's work load.

Lockdown means that our teachers and admin staff are working harder than ever, planning and providing remote learning, ensuring that all children can access this, supporting those who need with mental health issues not to mention the regular in school duties (including planning and providing in class lessons). Like you, some are feeling anxious and overwhelmed, so can I ask before you send an email complaining of the situation, be mindful of the position we are all in. We can't meet all of your needs or expectations, there are times where we can improve and change our practice, like you we are on a steep learning curve. If you do have a complaint can it be directed to me and not my teachers. The culmination of the Covid-19 presence and frequently changing and sometimes contradictory government guidelines makes providing a safe and fair system of education for all nearly impossible. We are aware of and are trying to address the many and varied difficulties that you may be facing where possible and would appreciate recognition that this is an unwinnable situation with stresses for all on both sides. We are grateful for the comments of support we have received, but like all human beings, at times like this, we are all more susceptible to the negatives.

On that note, I wish you all a safe and quiet weekend.

Jo Ryan



