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Week 16 Newsletter: 15/01/21

Remote Learning Engagement

I'd just like to update you on the fantastic engagement we are having with remote learning. Children have been accessing live teaching, pre-recorded videos, follow up Class Dojo activities and paper based work packs.

Remember that remote learning does not mean just live lessons, there are also pre-recorded videos, paper work packs and lots more.



There is no pressure from school for children to complete everything, just to do what they can.

We do try to provide as much as possible to help you're child be independent when accessing remote learning.

We are by no means expecting parents and carers to be teachers which is why the Zoom lessons are being used, this way your child can just press the link and access live classroom teaching from school staff. The worksheets are in their portfolio again to be accessed independently.

Older children particularly are very good with technology and this may ease the boredom of being at home during lockdown. School staff are more than happy to talk children through how to access things. Please just let us know.

For our full remote offer please visit our website: www.smpa.org.uk/remote-learning

FS1	FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
85%	72%	51%	54%	59%	63%	62%	50%

Snow Disruption

We hope you all enjoyed the snow with your families. Thank you for your patience with any last minute changes.

Apologies to families relying on us for school places in lockdown.

Devices and Wifi

We still have a number of devices if they are needed.

If you have already borrowed a device from school but have more than one child at home we can now provide you with an additional device.

Please call the office and we will arrange that for you.

We can also arrange free wifi for families who do not have fixed broadband in their homes. Please contact the office and we can organise that for you.

Free School Meals Information

For families who receive benefits related Free School Meals, there has been ever changing guidance from the government this week.

We will ensure we keep you up to date with the latest information when we get it.

From next week we understand that the voucher system will be reinstated. As yet we do not have any information as to when vouchers will be issued.

We will continue with our Family Food Parcels that seemed to be a success this week. They will be available every Wednesday afternoon for our eligible families and supplement any government offer.

Paper Work Packs

If you prefer for your child to work remotely with paper based tasks, they are always available from the office from every Monday morning throughout lockdown.

The class teachers will include all work that is covered on Zoom and in Class Dojo portfolios. If your child is accessing Zoom and Class Dojo then you do not need to collect a paper pack.

When work packs are returned they will need to be isolated for 72hours before being returned to the class teachers for marking.