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PARENT UPDATE

Dear Parent(s),

Friday 15th January 2021

As we come to the end of another week, I want to firstly say a massive thank you for the time, effort and commitment that you are putting into your children's learning at home. Each family situation is different, and we appreciate that it takes a lot of organisation and planning to complete the activities set by your children's teachers.

Whilst it is beneficial to complete the set activities during school hours, we know that not every family situation allows for this to happen. Therefore, please do not feel under any pressure to complete activities at certain times, if this does not suit your working patterns or childcare situation.

Currently your children are being marked present at school; however, we have been instructed by the Education Department to mark any children who are not participating in remote learning as absent. We ask that all pupils engage in their learning as much as possible, including responding to any online activities set. (This particularly affects P6 and P7).

Whilst it is difficult for the school to gauge participation levels fully, I must say that there are a number of learning packs still to be collected at school (from Monday 11th January). These children are missing out on remote learning. I would request that any parent/family yet to collect their child's pack, does so as a matter of urgency. If for any reason you are unable to do so, please get in contact with myself and I will be able to arrange for it to be left at your home.

With regards to communication, it is important that you get in contact with either your child's teacher or myself if you have any concerns or queries. Whilst we will aim to respond as quickly as possible, please bear with us and we will get back to you asap. If the matter is urgent, please do not hesitate to call the school by phone. I must stress once again, that parents should not contact their child's teacher with any queries via Microsoft Teams. This is for pupil/teacher communication only.

Remote learning will never replace the learning that your children would be doing in school, but it is important that we all work together to ensure that our young people are getting as much of a positive learning experience as possible.

I look forward to brighter days ahead for all our school community.

Kind regards,

Keith Black
(Principal)