

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are keeping safe and well.

Thank you once again to all families that have engaged with our virtual learning platform, Google Classroom. It has been inspiring to see the children engaging with the work set and thank you for all the positive and constructive feedback from parents and children. The children (and parents) have continued to be creative and have shared some wonderful pieces of work including; photos, videos, art work, cooking and more.

We have listened to feedback from, parents, children and our teaching staff and are making some adjustments to the way we will be setting work moving forward. Please see below some of the feedback regarding areas for improvement and what has been working well:

#### **Areas for improvement**

- 1) Some parents have stated that they were having some challenges with editing PDFs or they did not have the facilities to print off PDFs. Some parents felt that a lot of time was spent doing this rather than tackling the work set.
- 2) Some parents felt that it can be difficult navigating between different PDF documents in order for the children to effectively access what it is they need to be doing.
- 3) Most parents felt that the 5 minute Zoom style call was not effective and added stress to parents/carers.

#### **Positive feedback**

- 1) Pre-recorded lessons were very clear and enabled the children to access the work quicker, work more independently and supported the parents better with homeschooling. Many parents felt this helped to alleviate stress levels at home.
- 2) The live, well-being session was very impactful and boosted children's moral.
- 3) The content of work on Google Classroom was excellent and offered the children challenge.

**The feedback from all stakeholders has meant that from Monday the following changes will be implemented:**

- 1) Your child will have more pre-recorded sessions. English and maths session each day will be a pre-recorded lesson, alongside our music teacher delivering 1 pre-recorded music session per week for each class from year 1 to year 6. This should help to support with more independence during remote learning and boost the children's engagement in the sessions.
- 2) There will be fewer documents that need to be edited or printed off. The majority of the work/tasks will be on the pre-recorded smart note book.

- 3) We **will not** be continuing with the 5 minute Zoom calls. We will carry on, however, with the one, live wellbeing session each week. If you do have any concerns, you are still able to contact the school via the school's admin email: [admin@shsharingey.co.uk](mailto:admin@shsharingey.co.uk)

**Below is a reminder of some of our key protocols whilst using Google Classroom.**

- 1) If you have any questions, issues or queries with Google Classroom, ensure that you do not email a member of staff directly. It is likely these emails may not be seen and your issue will not be picked up on. **All Google Classroom issues need to be emailed to the school's admin email which is regularly monitored:** [admin@shsharingey.co.uk](mailto:admin@shsharingey.co.uk)
- 2) We will not be doing undertaking any live teaching, other than the one wellbeing session a week.
- 3) The school understands the pressure on parents/carers during this time. With that in mind, it is not expected that the children complete all work set, nor is it an expectation that all work is handed back into Goggle Classroom. The children should, however, be attempting to complete some of the tasks that have been set.
- 4) Please bear in mind that all of our teaching staff will be in school teaching vulnerable and key worker children, as well as, setting all work for Google Classroom. With this in mind, you will see teachers interacting with their class through: comments, letters, pictures and short video clips. However, teachers will not be responding to all pieces of work handed into Google Classroom.
- 5) Inappropriate behavior during any live lessons, or through comments on Google Classroom will not be tolerated and may result in your child being taken off the platform.

Yours sincerely,



Neil Reilly

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