



REMOTE LEARNING CHANGES- 3/2/21

During our lockdown catch up phone calls to our families, we listened carefully to the concerns and celebrations of parents and children, in relation to remote learning during lockdown. Staff heard clearly that some families were feeling overwhelmed with the requirement to complete 4 hours of school work per day. The government guidance was updated on 1st February and now states that KS2 children should complete **between** 2-4 hours of work per day so time for a rethink!

The mental health and well being of our pupils, family and staff is, as always, of the highest priority to us here at EJS and therefore, some changes are being made to the weekly remote learning timetable. These changes will be implemented from Monday 8th February 2021.

We could very clearly hear that some families and children were struggling. To try and help with this we have now handed out over 20 Lenovo devices to support online learning, which I know have been gratefully received and has transformed remote learning for some of our children.

We also heard that children are spending too much time screen bound. We've spent years asking you to limit screen time and now we are asking the children to sit on them all day! Listening to your concern we have decided to change our weekly routine by reducing screen time and some expectations. We would rather have good quality learning than quantity, with children rushing through trying to complete tasks in a given time frame.

This means that lockdown learning will look different for our Lower School children (Year 3 and 4) and our Upper School children (Year 5 and 6) and you will even have chance to pause or catch up each week Upper School on Wednesday afternoons and on Fridays for Lower School.

Please see the below table as to what is expected of the children to complete. This can be up to a maximum of 4 hours per day and may differ depending on the ability, stamina, concentration and personal circumstances of the children.

This is the **MAXIMUM** expectation of the children. Class teachers will inform parents with the requirement for individual pupils if it differs from the table.

Other changes to note:

-To reduce workload pressure on children Mrs Chilton and Mrs Anderson (C1) and Mr Ritson and Mrs Hunton (C3) will be **reducing** their IDL expectation to 15 minutes 4 times a week. If however your children is desperate to do a little more - let them.

-Mrs McAllister's class will continue with IDL 20 minutes a day, every day as this is the learning platform which shows best progress and engagement levels for her class.

	LOWER SCHOOL YEAR 3 AND 4	UPPER SCHOOL YEAR 5 AND 6
MONDAY	<u>ENGLISH/SPELLING</u> - Reading Eggs, IDL, Seesaw work, reading book, Classroom Secrets <u>MATHS</u> - TT Rockstars, IDL and Seesaw work <u>OTHER SUBJECTS</u> - Set on Seesaw	<u>ENGLISH/SPELLING</u> - Reading Eggs, IDL, Seesaw work, reading book, Classroom Secrets <u>MATHS</u> - TT Rockstars, IDL and Seesaw work <u>OTHER SUBJECTS</u> - Set on Seesaw
TUESDAY	<u>ENGLISH/SPELLING</u> - Reading Eggs, IDL, Seesaw work, reading book, Classroom Secrets <u>MATHS</u> - TT Rockstars, IDL and Seesaw work <u>OTHER SUBJECTS</u> - Set on Seesaw	<u>ENGLISH/SPELLING</u> - Reading Eggs, IDL, Seesaw work, reading book, Classroom Secrets <u>MATHS</u> - TT Rockstars, IDL and Seesaw work <u>OTHER SUBJECTS</u> - Set on Seesaw
WEDNESDAY	<u>ENGLISH/SPELLING</u> - Reading Eggs, IDL, Seesaw work, reading book, Classroom Secrets <u>MATHS</u> - TT Rockstars, IDL and Seesaw work <u>OTHER SUBJECTS</u> - Set on Seesaw	<u>WELL BEING WEDNESDAY</u> Children will have a menu of fun activities to choose from on their Seesaw. If a child has work to catch up on then this is an opportunity to do so.
THURSDAY	<u>ENGLISH/SPELLING</u> - Reading Eggs, IDL, Seesaw work, reading book, Classroom Secrets <u>MATHS</u> - TT Rockstars, IDL and Big Maths <u>OTHER SUBJECTS</u> - Set on Seesaw	<u>ENGLISH/SPELLING</u> - Reading Eggs, IDL, Seesaw work, reading book, Classroom Secrets <u>MATHS</u> - TT Rockstars, IDL and Seesaw work <u>OTHER SUBJECTS</u> - Set on Seesaw
FRIDAY	<u>FINISH OFF FRIDAY</u> OR IF ALL WORK IS COMPLETE THE CHILDREN CAN HAVE FUN WITH FAMILY	<u>ENGLISH/SPELLING</u> - Reading Eggs, IDL, Seesaw work, reading book, Classroom Secrets <u>MATHS</u> - TT Rockstars, IDL and Big Maths <u>OTHER SUBJECTS</u> - Set on Seesaw

WE LISTENED TO YOU - NOW YOU NEED TO LISTEN TO US!

Your support with remote learning is **vital** to your child's development and life chances. It is as simple as that. Children who complete homework and read regularly at home do far better in school and life than those that don't. We are providing you with the materials you need, what we ask is that you provide the time and support for your children. At no point do we think this is an easy task - teaching children isn't easy - we know we do it all the time but your child really needs your help at this moment in time.

These little children are living through a situation that changes every day and that nobody has lived through before. They are surrounded by uncertainty and strangeness. We need to be the Team Around The Child - family and school working together so that each child can BE ALL THEY CAN BE! I give heartfelt thanks to all of those parents who are working hard with remote learning and I urge anyone struggling to turn to us for help. That is what we are here for.

Please do not overwhelm your child. Short sharp bursts of learning with a break away from the screen and some fresh air, where possible, is the best way to facilitate learning. Make sure your child has had their breakfast and lunch and has a drink to hand to keep them hydrated. The brain needs water! Goes without saying - avoid fizzy and energy drinks! Not a good combination when sitting at home for most of the day in lockdown.

Make sure your child has a regular "go to bed time" and "get up time." I decided against an online ZOOM register at 9.00 and 3.00 so as to give families and staff flexibility as to when and how they complete the day's work. Look at each day as having a menu of activities and do one at a time and have regular breaks.

Should your child need "encouraged" to complete school work online - tell him/her/them that for every minute they complete their school work they can have equal time later "playing" on their device games on XBOX etc. Bribery of some kind usually works!

Your child **SHOULD NOT** have their device in their bedroom and should not be on screen for an hour before going to bed. If your child does not sleep - this is maybe why. There is research in abundance that shows that blue light/screens are **NOT** good in the bedroom. If the device lives there normally - take the controls away at night as children should not be up at 2.00 am playing on devices or waiting for updates to programmes - I jest not. We have this regularly. Remember - you - the adult is in control.

Please be careful and stay safe and well.

If you need to contact us for help please ring the school mobile on 07449444929 or on covid@ewanrigg.cumbria.sch.uk

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