

# **Frequently Asked Questions about Remote Learning**

<b>Why isn't the full curriculum available in EYFS?</b>	<p>There is a full range of EYFS learning on Eschools including English, reading, Forest Schools, Understanding the World. The worksheets that are printed match the work that is set on Eschools.</p> <p>Much of the learning is practical ideas that can be used at home to support play. There are also videos to support the learning offered. You do not require a printer to access these videos. We recommend using the videos to support the packs that are provided.</p> <p>OFSTED have advised that schools complete 'best endeavours' to deliver the curriculum as there are things within the curriculum that simply are not possible at this time.</p>
<b>Do the paper packs we receive match the work on Eschools?</b>	<p>All the print outs that school provides are the ones the teacher is posting on Eschools. They are simply sending these to the office to print.</p>
<b>Why don't teachers answer on the class chat straight away?</b>	<p>Teachers will try and monitor the chat throughout the day but they may be in school teaching at the time.</p>
<b>Why are you, as a school, not delivering a full day of live teaching via Zoom?</b>	<p>As I have explained in the newsletter, live lessons is something we have decided not to offer. We understand the appeal of live lessons but the reality for us is simply not feasible with the teaching commitment currently required of staff in school for key worker and vulnerable children.</p> <p>We have included a video element to core lessons to ensure the key learning points are explained. This allows people to access the learning support at a time that is convenient to the family. I know many parents are working from home and school work starts after their working day or at the weekend. Live lessons would dictate a timetable for the day which may not be convenient.</p>
<b>Why does the sound not always work on the videos?</b>	<p>As staff, we are learning and adjusting our skills in the new online world. There are still some teething problems but we are trying to ensure learning online is as smooth as possible.</p>
<b>Why is so much homework set for the children?</b>	<p>We have been given the expectation to set 4 hours of learning in KS2 and 3 hours in KS1. We have an obligation to deliver this. If you are finding it too much, we would say prioritise English and maths as these are key skills that are built on across the year.</p>

<b>What should I do if my child is finding it hard?</b>	If your child is struggling, we ask that you email the admin address and the message will be passed on to the teacher. They can adapt work or give a call if it felt that it is needed. There is a facility to leave a comment once a piece of work has been submitted on Eschools.
<b>Why isn't reading set as a daily task?</b>	Reading remains something we expect the children to be doing at home as they would do in school. We are maintaining guided reading and a class text and there are reading for pleasure activities. We are currently looking to subscribe to EPIC which will provide a range of books.
<b>Could the school offer 1:1 online tutorials with their teacher?</b>	The time for weekly Zoom tutorials is too limited. We know it is hard to motivate children at home but our staff are currently working harder than I have ever expected them to. We are at our capacity in terms of the offer we are providing.
<b>If we don't do everything, am I failing?</b>	You are never a failure. We appreciate any efforts that you make to complete the work set. Thank you for giving your best. We truly appreciate it.
<b>Can aspects of the projects be marked as done, like the homework is, on Eschools?</b>	We aim to keep the number of projects to a minimum but appreciate it can look a lot. We can inform Eschools as they are always looking for feedback to improve their offer.
<b>Why are we not getting the same amount of phone calls from school as we did in Lockdown 1?</b>	<p>Lockdown 1 was very different from this one. We only had one class in school, senior leaders were out of class and all normal school activity for the offices and management of school was put on hold.</p> <p>This time, all aspects of school life have continued as normal with senior staff teaching but with less children. This has meant our capacity to carry out our weekly welfare calls has disappeared. However, we replaced these with daily Zoom calls which provide us with an opportunity to see children and check they are safe and well.</p> <p>If you have concerns, as we have said in letters and the newsletter, then the school office remains open and parents can request a call from their teacher. We will always aim to support families at home.</p>
<b>How can we have access to a range of books to read at home?</b>	We are currently looking at rolling out EPIC which is free and will allow children to access a wide range of books, including audiobooks and comics. We can also measure how many books are being read, so we can create competitions between the classes.