



SEND support update

26th January 2021

Dear Parent/carer(s,)

As our pupils have now settled into the new rhythm of live lessons, and adjusted to the challenges of learning at home, we would like to ensure that you feel supported during these challenging times. To guarantee lessons cater for a pupils' individual needs, teachers are continually adapting, and refining their lessons to ensure:

- Lessons have clear explanations, modelled examples and clear instructions.
- The amount of work set is carefully considered, so pupils can have a balance between work and rest whilst they are at home.
- Teachers stay on the 'chat' for longer to ensure pupils have ample opportunity to ask questions about their work.
- Teachers will ask questions of pupils during the lesson, giving an opportunity for pupils to respond in the chat and to answer questions, providing a more interactive experience for them.

Further to this, in addition to supporting those pupils in school, our Learning Support Assistants are working incredibly hard to make contact pupils who have SEND needs on a weekly basis, and twice weekly for those with an EHCP, prioritising those with the highest level of need. During these calls the Learning Support Assistant will speak with the parent/carer, and may also ask to speak to the child. They can offer support and guidance with work, and will ask for your feedback; this enables us to provide feedback to our teachers, so we can continually improve provision.

If you feel your child would benefit from more regular contact, please contact your child's Head of House.

Additional support can be accessed via the school's 'Remote Learning Newsletter' which will be published shortly. This is packed with useful guidance to help you and your child manage the home learning, as well as everyone's well-being. There is a dedicated section for SEND, which has some helpful tips on using accessibility functions on MS word to support home learning. You will also soon be receiving a letter regarding the SEND virtual coffee mornings- with an opportunity to sign-up.

All feedback is appreciated- please let us know what is working well, and any additional developments you feel would be beneficial by completing this MS Forms survey, by Monday 1st February:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/>

Yours sincerely,

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