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Whole School Remote Learning Update

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we come towards the end of our first week of remote learning, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support with accessing live lessons, completing assignments and engaging with home learning. It has been absolutely amazing to see so many children attending the live lessons with great enthusiasm and much needed perseverance as we all get to grips with technology. Each lesson is recorded and can be viewed at a later time if that is more convenient.

The expectation is that all children access learning via Teams. You will have received your child's timetabled lessons in previous communications but please let us know if you need a reminder. There is a live input for each lesson and then assignments to complete and upload. Please let us know if there are any reasons why this may not be possible. Staff will continue to call parents to check if they need any support with accessing Teams when children are not in lessons. If you know your child will be unable to join Teams for any reason it would be really helpful if you could let their class teacher know or Mrs Sodhi who is always available to receive calls and text messages on 07784231490 or via email at sgill74@sflt.org.uk.

In addition to the live lessons there is also a whole school 'Skills for Life' assembly on Mondays and Merit Assemblies on Tuesdays/ Fridays for each key stage. With much more of our time being spent online, I would like to remind everyone about making sure that they stay safe online. I would also like to remind children about making sure that they are only using the Teams chat facility to discuss and ask questions about learning.

We understand that many parents are trying to juggle home schooling, caring for younger children, working from home and other commitments. Many members of school staff are also in this position! We can all just do our best – please do get in contact if you find you are struggling and we are happy to talk through how we can help.

If your child is eligible for means tested free school meals, food hampers will continue to be prepared weekly and the office will contact you regarding collection.





Hilltop Primary Academy



We have a number of critical worker children currently in school. We have always been extremely supportive and grateful to critical workers and are of course aware of the guidance which states: 'children with at least one parent or carer who is listed as a critical worker are eligible for a school place. It is not necessary for both parents to be critical workers'. However, it is important to be mindful that the facility is intended to be used by parents who are involved in critical occupations that are central to the Covid 19 national efforts. Therefore, we ask critical worker parents to consider the necessity for your child to be in school. Whilst we appreciate that many families are eligible for critical worker status, where a family can support home learning they should try to do so. Finally, please keep in touch and let us know if we can help in anyway. Wishing you all a well deserved and restful weekend!

Kind regards,

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