

22 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would firstly like to take this opportunity to say a huge WELL DONE to all of our pupils for their efforts in home learning so far. As a school, we are very proud of our children and the resilience they are showing. As always, our wonderful pupils are working their hardest – even if this is at home or on Dojo.

We are now at a stage where we feel that we have a good working model for home learning. The feedback from parents so far has been positive and staff are now all set up to give our pupils the best learning experience from home. I am sure that we will still have a few creases to iron out as we continue to take feedback from staff, parents and children to ensure your child gets the best remote learning possible! I thought it would be useful to give you an update as to where we are with some elements of home learning and what our next steps are.

Zoom Lessons

Your child's class teacher will be delivering a live Zoom lesson each day. The links will be shared on Dojo and the class overview pages on the portal. These lessons are going to be really important as we want to engage children within their learning and ensure that our curriculum is still being taught to the high standard that we want for the children of Coleridge. If any families are having issues accessing zoom, then please let us know. We have planned the zoom sessions to take place at different points during the day. This means that any siblings in school will not miss a session because of limited devices as we've timetabled them carefully.

Monday	10am Y6	11am Y1/2	12noon Y3	1pm Y4/5	2pm Assembly
Tuesday	10am Y6	11am Y1/2	12noon Y3	1pm Y4/5	
Wednesday	10am Y6	11am Y1/2	12noon Y3	1pm Y4/5	
Thursday	10am Y6	11am Y1/2	12noon Y3	1pm Y4/5	
Friday	10am Y6	11am Y1/2	12noon Y3	1pm Y4/5	2pm Assembly

Recorded Lessons

As you've all seen on Dojo, our teachers are working hard to record sessions at home and upload them to Dojo each day. Please can all parents monitor Dojo throughout the day. Our teachers will upload a recorded session each day and we would love to see all children completing this session and uploading their work to Dojo. Once work has been uploaded on Dojo, our teachers will respond to this work with feedback around your child's work and may ask them ways they can improve or edit their work.

Home Packs

We know that some of our children and parents find home packs more helpful than remote learning. We have to stress that these packs are only if you desperately need them. We have been delivering some packs over the past few weeks. However, from Monday 25th of January, we don't have the staffing flexibility to deliver home learning packs. Therefore, you will need to collect them from the school office. Whilst collecting the new packs, could parents please drop-off the completed work they've done from the previous week.

We still expect children to access the online lessons and recordings through Dojo. We also still need children or parents to upload home pack work onto Dojo.

Dojo

I cannot stress how impressed we've all been with the number of uploads on Dojo. Our children are doing amazing. However, we still have a few children that haven't uploaded much work. We are monitoring the children that are uploading on a weekly basis and as a leadership team we have already come up with several responses either now or when the children return to school. We have worked tirelessly, children and staff, over the past 3 months to close the gap of the last lockdown. We know so many parents are now working so hard with their children at home to ensure this doesn't happen again. We thank you for uploading your child's work on a daily basis. This makes my job and my staff's job so much easier. If any parents need help with Dojo, please contact school ASAP so we can make sure all children are uploading work.

Zoom Assemblies

We have loved our Zoom assemblies over the past few weeks. We have two planned Zoom assemblies a week. On a Monday, where we celebrate children's work and also have the chance to look at mini-projects. On a Friday, where we have our celebration assembly to celebrate the successes from during the week. These assemblies take place at 2pm on a Monday and Friday. *Please note we hope to stick to these times as much as possible, however, they may be subject to change some weeks. The links will be shared on Dojo on the morning of the assemblies.

Thank you

Finally, I just needed to put in writing what a wonderful job our children and parents are doing. This is one of the most difficult times we will ever face and the way you've all risen to the challenge is amazing. The way you are engaging with learning is breath-taking. You have shown determination and resilience in the face of another lockdown and we are coming through this dark time with so many positives. The response we've had on Dojo makes me so proud to be the Head teacher of our school. The children and staff are working together and showing that a love for learning doesn't always need to be in the classroom - it can be at home as well.

I am so proud of our community because during hard times, people can go missing. This isn't the case in our community. Children, parents, staff and governors have come together to ensure everyone has the help and support needed. You know that as a school, I will always make sure that we are here for every child and parent, no matter what the issue is. This is more important now than ever before, so please, if you need us then pick up the phone and give us a call.

Keep up the wonderful work. We miss you all and we cannot wait to reopen our doors and see you all again soon.

Take Care

Mr Tankard and All the staff at Coleridge.

I. Tankard