Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well and that the first two days of the summer term have been enjoyable. The activities on our Home Learning website is super and we are so fortunate to have these resources available for the children. Thank you for supporting your children so well with the activities and for planning g so many exciting opportunities during this lockdown. Perhaps some of you have been having some fun giving yourself an Ofsted rating! I do hope that you are taking time to step back and reflect on how much you are doing and have achieved. It is and to believe this is only the twelfth day of school since lockdown began.

I wanted to update you on a few things that we are doing as we continue to enhance our provision of home learning.

Phone calls - Every Child, Every Week

This week teachers will be calling of the children to say hello and check how they are. It would also be a great opportunity to speak with you to establish what is going well and hear your constructive feedback about what you think could be even better. This will give us the information we need to explore the issues that I am sure there are with this new normal we are all experiencing.

Teachers will call a few times and if they cannot get through, you will receive an email with the day and time they will try again. There will be No Caller ID so I know you may not answer hence sending an email to let you know when we will try again.

We would like teachers to call the children every week and believe the first call may be the longest one. I know teachers are bursting to speak with the pupils in their class. Pupils in the English stream should receive a call every week and in the bilingual stream this may be once a fortnight, but we will review this in due course.

All I ask from you is to manage the children’s expectations at home as the teachers will not call on the same day.

Seesaw

I have informed you on a number of occasions that there is a team of teachers in the trust who are investigating online platforms we could use. I am really keen for our staff to have more contact with the pupils. One of the platforms trialled was Seesaw. It has been successful so far, therefore I have asked the teachers at BWA to explore this with their classes, starting next week. More information on this will be sent out this week. My fingers are crossed that this is a success.

Online Safety

I hope that if you can join us for the Online Safety Worksop on Thursday at 1:30pm. Remember to sign up so we can let you in if you don’t have the necessary app to join. If you are unable to make it, we will make this available for you to watch at your leisure.

I know these are uncertain times for many of you, as it is for all of us. There are so many unknowns and changes happening in our lives that we never thought, or imagined, would happen. All we can do, is do our best with what we have, look for the positives and help others at every opportunity. We will never get this time back so I hope that you can make the most of this unplanned time you have with your wonderful children. I also hope you all stay safe and that we can continue to work together to do the best we can for the children and whole school community, during this unprecedented time. If you are hiding a talent that you think we could use to enhance this time for our school community don’t hesitate to get in touch.

With my very best wishes,

Seana Henry