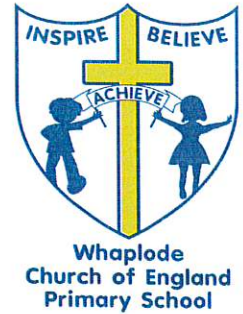




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But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded ~ 2 Chronicles 15:7

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to those that completed our recent questionnaire regarding remote learning. We were delighted by the level of positive response and messages of thanks to the teaching staff. It really was quite overwhelming. We recognise that the change to this new approach to learning has been challenging and is very new to us all. We have taken on board the comments from the questionnaire and staff are adjusting their provision to accommodate where possible.

Some of the comments received within the questionnaire mention that the work set is too much however the DfE guidelines are very clear in the expectations of the school and parents:

When being taught remotely, your child's school is expected to set meaningful and ambitious work each day in several different subjects. Schools are expected to provide remote education that includes either recorded or live direct teaching and should be of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school. As a minimum that is:

- 3 hours a day for Key Stage 1 (years 1 and 2 when pupils are aged between 5 and 7)
- 4 hours a day for KS2 (years 3-6 when children are aged between 7 and 11)

Those hours include both direct teaching and time for pupils to complete tasks or assignments independently.

However, we do recognise that many of our families are trying to balance home learning for a number of children, or taking care of younger siblings, or trying to work from home yourselves – and some of you are doing all three! We completely understand the challenges this will be bringing and the message we want to share is- please be kind to yourselves. We do not expect that every child completes every piece of work, every day. If children are able to complete the English and Maths tasks on a daily basis, that would be wonderful. If you are able to do a little more some days, that is fantastic. If there is a day when it just isn't possible to do anything, we do understand. Stressed parents lead to stressed children, and that is not our intention at all.



I can do all things through him who strengthens me ~ Philippians 4:13

Teachers are available throughout the day to respond to any issues around the work set and will do all they can to support. Please be aware that teachers still have teaching responsibilities to those in school as well as those at home, and as such will not always be able to respond immediately. It would help us enormously if work could be uploaded on a regular basis, daily if possible, as this will enable teachers to give regular feedback to your child, and also adapt future sessions in light of any areas which they note needs further input.

If you are having any problems with the work or connectivity, please do contact the school office so we can assist with this.

The work that we are seeing returned by all classes is amazing and we are all very proud of the positive engagement you and your child have shown so far this term. We know it is difficult but if we continue to work together and support each other, we can assist your child in receiving the education they deserve.

Thank you for you continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E Adie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs E Adie

Head of School