



29th January 2021

Dear Parents,

As we approach the weekend, I just wanted to say well done for all of your efforts in helping your children with their home learning. We realise this is a difficult and challenging time for all of our families and we know you are doing your absolute best to support your children in every way that you can.

The difference between this lockdown and the previous one in March 2020 is that we have a legal requirement to teach the curriculum in the same way as we would if the children were in school. We are therefore expected to provide 3-4 hours of learning per day, depending on the age of the child. However, please trust that we know the capability of each of your children and we only expect them to try their own personal best. If each piece of work is taking you hours to support your child with, we need to look at this. Please keep talking to us and letting us know if things are getting too difficult. We want all of our children and families to feel connected with Park Grove at this very difficult time. If there are ever any concerns about the amount of work we are sending or if it ever feels too overwhelming, please just get in touch.

We have chosen to provide video lessons, rather than live lessons to allow children to work at their own pace. You can set your own timetable for the day/week. Do what you can and as long as we see that the children are engaging and trying their best, that is all we ask for. After half term we will be trialling some daily live 'check-ins' for KS2 so watch this space! These will not be actual lessons but they will bring the children together which will hopefully help with their wellbeing.

Please remember that imaginative play, reading for pleasure and creative activities such as music and art are just as important for your child's development as written or formal tasks. If they were in school, the children would have regular breaks, time to chat and lots of creative and fun activities to complete. This shouldn't be any different at home.

If there are days where the children are finding things particularly difficult and their concentration levels are low – just let us know. We can help with this! Sometimes the best remedy is to take a break, change the scenery, go out for fresh air or even just have a snack. Children cannot concentrate for hours at a time and we wouldn't expect this of them at school, never mind at home.





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You are all doing a brilliant job in home schooling your children and we completely understand that this is a testing time for parents. We love seeing the photographs that you send in and the comments both you and your children write.

Keep up the great work everybody and you know where we are if you need us!

We miss you all.

Happy Weekend!

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