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Remote Learning at Pinner Wood - the Follow up

Dear Families,

As you are aware, we have been running our remote learning offer over the last two weeks to children who are isolating. We have been trying new ways to make this work. The children have had access to:

- *2 live zooms per day – AM and PM – to keep in touch and set/finish the learning*
- *Lessons and pre-recorded video demonstrations on Seesaw/Tapestry*
- *Regular and consistent feedback and contact for a member of our team during the day.*
- *Daily lessons on Tapestry/Seesaw*
- *Access to PW assemblies*
- *Contact with our Learning Mentor – for families that need some support*

We recognise that remote learning will never suit all. Everyone's situation is different; some will find it too much, others too little! However, we have tried to find a middle ground. Our last survey in the summer indicated that you wanted regular 'live' contact with school – we responded to this and introduced 'live' class sessions.

Our Survey

On Thursday we sent a questionnaire to families who are learning remotely. Thank you to the 100 families that took the time to fill in the survey.

Here is a summary of what you said:

- **88% of those who responded said online learning at PW has been good or excellent**
- **84% said PW Remote learning offer has been effective/highly effective**
- **84% said Pinner Wood has been helpful/very helpful in sending our resources**
- **86% said they find the class meets/zooms the most helpful**
- **73% said the most challenging things are not going to school, seeing friends or being able to go out – we agree!**

Thank you we are really happy with the results. We understand remote learning will never be able to replace being at school with friends but are pleased that the majority are viewing our approach as positive.



Points that were raised and our response:

Query	PW Response
Should there be work on Friday?	Yes, in this approach work is set on a Friday too. If, on any day, you do not receive new work, please contact your child's teacher immediately.
Can we have live lessons all day?	We decided not to do this as there are many families who cannot make it to all day learning. We hope this builds in a mix of 'contact' and flexibility.
Can teachers call children every day?	As much as we would love to – calling everyone in the class takes about 6 hours. Teachers do not have time to do this as well as plan/set learning each day. If you want to contact the teacher you can do via Seesaw. Mrs Bennett and the staff have contacted families that have needed extra support. However, if you need us – please message and we can call you back.
We could not get into Friday's Assembly?	I am so sorry but on Friday in Key Stage 2's assembly we hit the 100 capacity (the first time ever!) and a few children missed out. I felt awful and considered putting on another one – however, by the time you would have got the message it would have been too late. It won't happen this week and if children could not 'see' their certificate – I will rerun this week.
The work is too much!	We recognise that many of you will be trying to work and complete home learning. Please don't feel any pressure – do what you can/when you can with your children.
There is not enough work!	Some children will get through it quickly – teachers will set extra challenges or point them to online learning activities that they can do.
Can we re-run the Seesaw sessions for parents?	Yes, Mr Williams/Miss Loake are putting another session on - Wednesday 9th December @11am
It is hard to access the PDF on Seesaw?	We are finding most families find the PDF format accessible. If you are having problems viewing/downloading any work, please contact us and we will look into the problem for you.
The 'zooms' are close together for each year group.	We recognise this is the case and have tried to stagger as much as possible but with so many year's impacted (due to the After School Club closure) there was no way around this. It is fine for your child to attend on alternate days or just 'pop in' to Zooms for a short while. Just let



	their teacher know that you will do this.
I would have liked my child's teacher to lead the Zooms?	Again, due to many children impacted being in our After School Club not everyone can have their teachers. We have tried to best fit with teachers who are available – others are teaching in school.

We hope this helps to clarify some of the points raised.

We wish you well as we work towards the end of isolation and look forward to seeing your child back in school soon.

As always, thank you so much for your support and your recognition of the challenges that we have faced, in this new world for us all! We are glad it has been received with such positivity. I will end with some anonymous positive comments that we received in the survey (thank you they mean so much and will be added to our 'Wall of Thanks').

Miss Marriott

Thank you so much for the hard work that went into the home learning. The preparation must have taken huge effort, it showed in all the tasks we were given to complete. Of what is a very tough situation to manage, PWS really did a fantastic job.

Teachers have been excellent with the remote learning. Also school and teachers have been excellent in their communication at all levels. Thank you so much.

(Remote Learning) has been absolutely amazing and we really appreciate all of it. Thank you very much!

This week's remote learning is a huge improvement on lockdown 1. Well done for having this in place. The twice daily Zoom calls are great.

The teachers and school have worked really hard to ensure the children still have contact with the rest of the class and tailored learning.

We massively appreciate all the efforts the school and its staff are making to adapt to these changing circumstances.

Thank you for all your hard work into enabling the children to continue as normal a school life as possible whilst being at home.

Thank you for all the hard work you are doing in these challenging times!

Pinner Wood has done exceptionally well in handling all that's been going on, the staff have been great and the children have taken it all in their stride.

Would like to thank the teachers for their professionalism and support. This is a new way of teaching and learning and inevitably has its challenges for staff as well (working remotely



...looking after their own children...) The team have been exceptional. It is very much appreciated

Excellent work by all, thank you v much!

Thank you for supporting the children through this difficult time! Great work from everyone at Pinner Wood.

