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## **CORONA VIRUS UPDATE 37 Remote Learning**

Dear Parents

Remote learning has launched and I hope that you will agree that the improved provision of lessons is more both more stimulating and engaging.

This resource provision is new and staff are currently developing presentations of learning to maximise the benefit to your children. Please be patient if we experience any teething troubles and do contact us if you have any issues with log-ins etc,

All schools are currently attempting to strike a balance between teaching in school, teaching remotely and having enough staff to secure a fair balance. Seeing or listening to your child's teacher online is of great benefit to the children but please bear in mind that there will be days/ weeks where your child's teacher may be full-time teaching in school and we are respecting their work life balance in not expecting them to double their duties.

Some teachers are remote teaching, some are full time and with the additional critical worker children who were admitted from Friday, this has meant that we needed to have more staff in school. We all know that staff cannot be in two places at the same time so this is why some staff may appear more often remotely than others.

From my perspective, if remote learning is the next best substitute for full time education in school, I know that 'one size does not fit all' and your personal commitments, work from home etc have to be balanced with school's expectations. We sent you timetables so you can see when a Zoom teaching session will take place so we hope that this will be of assistance.

Wherever possible, it would be really beneficial that your child can generally adhere to school day hours but we all understand that there may well be occasions when you need to manage the learning at home on a different time scale.

In the first three days we can see that engagement has been very good and yet is probably even better if you/ your child remembers to submit and upload work so your participation is registered.

Thank you very much for your support with remote learning. Everybody please stay safe!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kieran A Loftus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kieran A Loftus Headteacher