

27th January 2021

Dear Parent and Carer

I hope you are all keeping well.

Thank you for all that you are doing to support your children in their Remote Education. In my letter of 11th January, I promised that we would do a review of the first month of remote learning at the end of this week, in order to help us understand how people are getting on and if there are any changes we might consider making.

The following link will take you to a Google Form that I would be very grateful if you could complete. It is aimed at you and your views as a parent. Our students and our teachers will be conducting a similar review and it is only by looking at the three sets of responses that we can better understand how things are working, as we all have separate and important roles to play. If you have children in different year groups then I would invite you to complete separate responses by re-using the form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPxxNF2eLkPyMCQrXjNfptmV0zLbn4I2FUYSnOfymHMw6b5w/viewform>

I would be very grateful if you could complete this by **Tuesday 2nd February**. This will then enable me to review the feedback with colleagues and consider if any changes need to be made in time for **Monday 8th February**. At this stage we have no knowledge of when the students might be able to return to school, so it does seem sensible to review our approach in case it is required for longer than the initial scheduled period. Like you, I follow the speculation regarding when a return date might be announced, as we want to get the children back into school as soon as it is felt that it is safe to do so. We have been advised that the government will try to give us all two weeks' notice when that time comes.

At this stage I would only like to reiterate that all we ask of the students is that they do their best. There are no sanctions for incomplete work and no student should be worried or anxious. We know that the same task can take some students twenty minutes, while other students might work on it for two hours. We do not want anyone to work for longer than the 5 hours per day that they would normally do. It is clear from some early feedback that our younger students who have not yet taken their Option Subjects are exceeding this quantity in some cases. If a piece of work is taking too long, then students are encouraged to let their teacher know that they have completed what they can. You can see further details about our Remote Learning Programme here:

<https://www.budmouth-aspirations.org/parents-information/virtual-learning/>

Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

Yours sincerely

Mark Cavill
Vice Principal