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Mail on Friday

Redhill Primary Academy and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter

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Welcome Back

We are really sorry that we can't welcome all of our children back into the academy at the moment. However, we have been so happy to see almost all of the children joining our lessons via Teams, if they are not here at school with us.

Thank you to everyone for your many messages of support.

Feedback to Children

As a school, we know that meaningful feedback is the key to learning, but this can be difficult to deliver in a remote environment, as well as supporting some children still attending school. We also are aware that remote learning requires high levels of self-motivation. The simple act of the recognition of the work that a child has put in, making them feel worthwhile, has significant benefits. In addition, children knowing what is expected of them, being aware of their own abilities, makes learning more effective and satisfying.

Being able to provide feedback and be highly responsive to children's responses and learning, has been the schools motivation and drive, to roll out face-to-face teaching to all, a development from the previous lockdown. We have been working towards this model during the Autumn Term. This approach is full of opportunities to provide your children with feedback, in addition to formal, explicit feedback on completed work. The staff have worked incredibly hard to get to this point, so that within 24 hours' notice, they were able to switch to this form of teaching. We are determined to do all we can, to ensure quality education continues during this lockdown.

Staff during remote face-to-face lessons, will continue to assess children's knowledge and understanding using a range of strategies, adjusting learning as appropriate whilst delivering online lessons and provide ongoing verbal feedback throughout.

Early on in the autumn term, when most children returned from months of remote education, we identified the curriculum areas which were affected most by the previous partial closure. Our main concern was children's stamina for writing, presentation and non-negotiables in spelling and punctuation. Therefore, in addition to verbal feedback during the lesson, staff will provide written feedback for 'writing' tasks. Please see the letter distributed earlier in the week, for the detail.

Communication

As you know, there has been lots of communication this week so we wanted to capture what has been distributed below:

- Wrap around childcare form - to see level of need;
- IT resources needed at home, laptops and 4G SIM cards;
- How to attach work through assignments;
- How to 'turn in' work on assignments;
- Redhill Online Learning Expectations.

Laptop Plea

As you may be aware, we have put a plea out, via The Friends, for laptop donations to help support our most vulnerable children. If you, your business or someone you know can help, please get in touch with us as soon as you can!

Thank you so much to Mr Gough, whose company has pledged to donate 20 laptops and Mr Huxley who has made a donation towards the purchase of laptops.