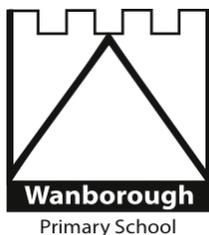


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Dear Parents

As we head towards the final week of term can I once again thank everybody for the tremendous collective effort since the beginning of January.

Over the last week we have considered the surveys you and your children had completed, met with Class Teachers to discuss pupil engagement, parents thoughts, curriculum delivery, working with technology, general successes and frustrations.

Every school has its own context, every age group/class has its own characteristics and there is no one model which fits all. We really appreciate all the positive feedback received and are confident we are meeting and often exceeding the expectations from the DfE.

However, we will from next week be making a few tweaks based on our reviews which I've categorised under the following areas:

Supporting parents:

Publish live sessions with as much warning as possible to help parents organise work commitments.

Use more pre-recorded lessons which assist parents in assisting their children, and reduce frustrations of intermittent connectivity issues. Parents can revisit around work too with this style of delivery.

Where possible Teachers to add answer sheets or crib sheets or further explanations to help parents understand and assist with work set.

Review time allocations (not hours per day but how long an activity should last) to activities - less pressure on completing against the clock. However, have work/activities/extensions available for those who do have time to spare.

Plan some truly independent activities, where a parent can have a cup of tea knowing the child is able to work independently!

Pupils' engagement and well-being:

Use live sessions, small group sessions to give more opportunities for pupil to pupil interaction and pupil to teacher/TA interaction.



Increase pupil motivation by reintroducing weekly class GROW awards. Special Mr Drury texts and messages also to be sent for support.

Ensure children aren't tied to screens - have a variety of activities, including the use of the outdoors.

Mr Drury to have further informal sessions with classes to inform of news, chat, ask questions, quiz, games tell jokes. These will take place next week at the following times:

Monday 8 th	3.30pm	Year 6
Tuesday 9 th	3.30pm	Year 5
Wednesday 10 th	3.30pm	Year 4
Thursday 11 th	3.30pm	Year 3
Friday 12 th	2.30pm	Reception
	3.00pm	Year 2
	3.30pm	Year 1

I will text zoom links on the morning of the sessions.

Teacher workload - well-being:

Team activities should cease by 5.30pm. Teachers will not be expected to respond past this point, with pupils work preferably uploaded by this time or during the next working day.

Responses to parents should be in working hours.

Teachers PPA in place to allow time for planning, preparation and assessment.

Increased use of TA's for working live with small groups of children and responding on Teams.

In conclusion, every response has been read and considered across the school community. I hope that by continuing the superb team Wanborough effort that the next few weeks will be more productive, enjoyable and less stressful for everybody.

Finally, please find attached a Parents' guide for PurpleMash and here is a link giving further advice/guidance on Microsoft 365 and Teams <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/distance-learning-with-microsoft-365-guidance-for-parents-and-guardians-89d514f9-bf5e-4374-a731-a75d38ddd588>

Yours sincerely,

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