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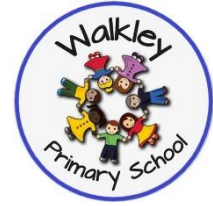
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'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'

8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Remote Learning During Lockdown – January 2021

Home Learning and Working from Home

One of the challenges we will face over the coming weeks is balancing how to be productive in our jobs whilst working at home and yet also trying to keep our children engaged and learning. We want to reiterate that it is perfectly normal to find this balancing act incredibly difficult! We know as parents and teachers that it is easier to generate enthusiasm for learning when you are working with a larger group of children than it is with a small group of your own children at home. We know that you are doing the best job that you can do. This situation is far from ideal and so please be kind to yourself and don't feel guilty if it's proving difficult.

Attached to this Email are instructions of how to access the Remote Learning for pupils. Please note, we have organized our staffing so that all cohort teams have designated teachers delivering learning content, daily on the school website. The learning content created by the Walkley staff will be age specific and accessible at home through the school website. This will also be used in school by the pupils of critical workers and vulnerable pupils. All Walkley pupils will receive the same quality, Walkley inspired learning, planned and created by Walkley teachers, whether they are at home or in school.

Between March and July last year, we found that some of the common challenges (that we have all experienced with our own children) included:

- Outright work refusal.
- Children claiming that the work is 'too hard' because they really want you to sit with them and give them more attention.
- Procrastination and delaying tactics.
- Tantrums.

These problems can be compounded by:

- Pressure from our own employers to meet deadlines which mean that we literally don't have time to sit and look at school work with our kids.
- The fact the National Curriculum is so much harder than it used to be and Primary aged children need to tackle objectives that were formerly on the Secondary curriculum and/or current teaching methods are different to the ones we studied at a school.
- The sheer need to just have a break!

Access to Remote Learning

On top of this, we appreciate that home learning can be difficult to access without a device at home, so we are in the process of trying to acquire some devices so children can access our remote learning. These devices may be laptops, tablets, or home routers that give access to the internet. We must state however, we cannot guarantee a device for our families.

If you think this might apply to you, please complete this survey:

[Device for Home Learning](#)

PLEASE ONLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU NEED A DEVICE OR HAVE TROUBLE ACCESSING THE INTERNET AT HOME.

If we cannot acquire suitable devices we will continue to send paper packs home.

If we are successful we will contact you as soon as the devices are available.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

Like everyone, there will be times when you may feel the strain in your household. There could be times when adults or children need some extra emotional support. One more website has been launched called CAMHS Resources (<https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk>) that we highly recommend if you need it. The site was created for young people, carers and professionals to pool together lots of helpful resources from across the internet that are available to help support your mental health and well-being and is well worth a look.

Stay safe in these challenging times, we look forward to all the Walkley Primary School family being back together in our exciting new school.

Walkley Primary School Safeguarding Team