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Dear Parents

Thank you so much for responding to the remote learning questionnaire. Ninety one families participated, and the responses have helped us to refine our remote learning offer.

Firstly, parents have requested subjects other than Maths and English, and DfE guidance now states that we should be providing a broad and balanced curriculum. With this in mind, we have decided to use Oak National Academy to deliver non-core subjects. More physical activities will be offered, Mrs Taylor and Rhys have filmed some short family PE sessions, these will go live on Friday.

Secondly, the timing of lessons has been changed to reflect the majority of comments and allow for screen breaks. This timetable will take effect from Monday 25th January.

Lastly Friday's learning will be "Achievement and enrichment Friday". At the start of the day (9.00am) children will participate in a group session offering an opportunity to feedback on their learning for the week including barriers to learning, areas they found enjoyable / challenging etc. Following this there will be planned activities including PE that the children can work through. This will also offer an opportunity for children to catch-up if they have missed learning throughput the week.

Key Stage 1 (Y1&2)	Key Stage 2 (Y3,4,5&6)	Friday (all pupils)
9.30 Lesson 1 (Phonics)	9.00 Lesson 1	9.00 Feedback/Touch Base
10.00 Lesson 2	10.00 Lesson 2	10.00 onwards
11.00 Screen break	11.00 Screen break	Activities available for choice
11.30 Lesson 3	11.30 Lesson 3	of timing – Family P.E.,
12.30 Lunch	12.30 Lunch	Foundation subjects and
1.15 Lesson 4	1.15 Lesson 4	additional R.E.

We would like to apologise to Year 3, who have already had an adjustment in their timetable this week, but following the request for screen break time, we have make this further change. This timetable is set in stone until after half term when the children will hopefully be back in school.

We do hope you and your child enjoy the new Friday arrangements.

I really appreciate your efforts and support to make home learning a success, we are all working together to minimise the impact of this lockdown on pupil progress. So far there has been no further guidance relating to full school openings but I will inform you as soon as I have any additional information from the government.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Cashell