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You Asked: We Did!

Dear families,

Thank you for responding to our remote learning survey, your contributions are really appreciated and valued and have allowed us to further improve our remote education offer to meet pupils' needs.

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We would like work that children can access at home which is at the right level for their learning.

Over 95% of respondents felt that work given at home is set at the right level for their child to access.

I do not have enough devices at home. My child cannot access the remote learning.

We have distributed ipads and Vodafone data sims to pupils. DfE laptops (16) will shortly be distributed to support pupils.

My child does not work well on the computer or has to share with family members.

Staff have prepared and printed packs for those who want to work on paper.

There needs to be more feedback on pupils' work.

Answers are shared on SeeSaw, teachers have designated times to respond to work and good examples are shared during class meets online.

My child has learning additional learning needs. How will the school support their learning?

St Hilda's has requested for SEN pupils to attend school. Mrs Thomas and Mrs Murphy are providing additional home support.

We want more opportunities for community and for children to see their classmates and teachers.

We now hold weekly assemblies, VIP certificate presentations and weekly phase meets. Music classes with Trafford allow pupils to zoom with their classmates.

Our children respond and engage more when they see their teacher.

Teachers now record daily videos to guide children through the day's learning. Teachers call regularly and respond on the blogs.

We need the remote learning to be more structured.



Timetables aligned with the school day are shared daily. These will now be posted in the evening for the following day to give more time for families to plan ahead.

Can you offer more than Maths and English?



Work is planned across a broad range of subjects. We now offer music, yoga and ballet sessions. Mr Shenton is continuing to support our PE provision in school and via our remote learning offer. More maths challenges will be planned and shared. We are continuing to develop the range of activities and tasks online for children to access.

How can our children read at home if they can't take books home?



We have set up Bug Club – an online reading scheme so all children can read from home.

School Exams

All Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 SATS exams have been cancelled for this academic year. The government have stated that they intend for exams to be reinstated in the academic year 2021-2022. Teacher assessment will be used and shared with high schools.

We have not received information from grammar schools regarding the 11+ entrance exams. We will endeavour to keep you informed on any updates regarding this.

A reminder that half-term is from Friday, 12th February – Monday 22nd February.

If your child is attending school, we ask that you play your part in keeping our St Hilda's staff and pupils safe. It is the law that you do not mix in other people's houses. Please adhere to these rules and play your part to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus.

Do not send your child to school if they are unwell or showing Covid symptoms.



Dear families,

This lockdown has been challenging and I want to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at St Hilda's for their resilience, care and desire to support our families and pupils. I am immensely proud of how we have supported families through a range of pastoral and social needs, food donations, remote learning and well-being support. Staff have gone above and beyond to continually improve and deliver a high-quality remote learning offer. They have worked so hard to provide provision in school and manage and deliver remote learning and I thank each and every member of staff from the teachers, TAs, office, lunch, kitchen, cleaners and site managers for your amazing commitment to keep St Hilda's running smoothly.

I want to remind families that we appreciate the emotional challenges of living and working from home whilst supporting your child's learning. I do not for one second underestimate the impact this has on home life and want to remind families to do what works for them. As long as your children are safe, loved and cared for, that is all that we can ask. We are surviving a pandemic and the toll this takes on us mentally and physically is immense. I want to say well done for all that you are doing. We all care about your child's education and well-being and will be here during and after this once we have weathered this storm, we will pull together as a St Hilda's community and strive to provide the best for all our pupils.

We know we have set high expectations and all that we ask is that you do your best. We have set a school timetable to provide routine for pupils however, access what work you can at a time that is convenient for you. You are managing households, parenting roles, jobs and supporting home learning. Everyone's circumstances are different, and I appreciate that. There is also so much merit in play at home, baking a cake, doing a jigsaw puzzle together or taking time to be active with your family. I want to congratulate you all on the amazing engagement we have had on SeeSaw and sharing what you have been doing at home.

The VIP assemblies and whole school assemblies are a regular opportunity to see each other's faces and I really hope we can see you all in person soon. We may be 'closed' to our pupils, but please remember we are here virtually and will always be at the end of the phone or available through email and SeeSaw.

Kind regards,

Miss Carla McCoy

Principal

