

Remote Learning – End of Day 2 Reflection

Dear Parents

I hope that the second day of remote learning has gone well and that you are working towards finding a groove that works for you and your family. I will be writing at the end of each day to share developments as well as success stories that may help you to try new things tomorrow. I have received some fantastic feedback which is really helpful so please do keep this coming.

Many of you have found that creating a plan at the start of each is a very motivating and useful tool to focus the children. One of my Year 6 pupils shared that, after doing the 10-minute workout from the [Home PE Hub](#) this morning, they felt very positive and energised as a starting point for their day of learning. I like the idea that there's lots of us engaging in this morning routine before we sit down to tackle the challenges of the day. I also hope that you've made the most of the beautiful sunshine and enjoyed regular breaks in the fresh air.

I understand that many of you have a limited number of devices in your household and that receiving documents to print out can be difficult. In our remote staff briefing today we have discussed ways that we can help with this. Teachers will aim to make all instructions clear to pupils and, if an attachment is included, explain to the children that they can edit on the document and send it back directly to the teacher without the need to print. I hope that this is helpful.

I am sure you will be aware that there have been a huge number of online educational platforms offering resources to support home learning. This can be quite overwhelming, so I aim to share with you some websites that we are happy to recommend. [This link](#) from The National Curriculum has a range of age appropriate online activities for pupils in Years 1-6 which may be helpful to those of you looking for some additional variety. You will also be able to navigate your way to secondary age resources and you may wish to look one year ahead if in need of additional challenge.

We have received some superb pictures of baking and home DIY projects. This is absolutely brilliant, and we encourage more of this. What a unique opportunity to develop important life skills we have before us right now. When we manage to return to school, we will look forward to some delicious homemade treats from our budding bakers amongst the pupil body.

Mr Wiseman and I held a whole Prep staff briefing through MS Teams this morning which was a huge success. I know that many of you with older children at

senior school have seen this in action already to enable teacher and pupil interaction. We recognise that this is a very powerful tool and we are committed to working towards creating more opportunities for this at St Michael's. Over the course of this week we will be trialling MS Teams with a few classes and, after discussion amongst the teaching team, I will look forward to feeding back the results and next steps with you. We are keen to ensure that we understand all of the potential issues, as well as the benefits, so that we can find a system that enables equality of access and suitable working for all. Thank you for your support and continued commitment

Very best wishes,

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