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8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you are well. Certainly an unprecedented week in education.

Thank you to the staff for their hard work, many of them working from Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> to be ready for Monday. We are constantly meeting and reflecting on what we are doing and what is working well. We have a culture within the school of constant reflection and evaluation, so we are well-placed.

You may remember the teachers embarking on a journey of video self-reflection from September 2019; well they are now seeing themselves teach every single day in every lesson! It is definitely not a one size fits all approach. Different methods work better for older/younger children and for particular year groups.

We are acutely aware that you are now getting a greater in-depth experience of teaching and the pedagogy, plus you will see some differences in individual learning abilities. It is challenging to replicate how you differentiate in the classroom when online, please do not see it as a comparable experience from within class e.g. my child finds all the work easy or my child is struggling. We would address that in the classroom by teaching different parts of lesson, using extra adults and supporting children in focus groups when they are doing the 'work'. Whilst some elements are similar to the classroom, many are not. You cannot replace the unique classroom experience; what we can do however, is our very best and keep learning and improving each day.

Thank you for your positive feedback so far; you may well be aware that many primary schools are not 'live' teaching. However, we are happy with our decision and feel there are many benefits to this.

### **Meeting with the Headteacher**

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm, I will hold a parent meeting. I will expand on some of the words of today's letter, but mostly it will be an opportunity to ask any questions. We will finish at 1.45pm as I have a KS1 assembly at 2pm. If you wish to contact me at other times, please do so on [head@allfarthing.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:head@allfarthing.wandsworth.sch.uk)

***Mr Holmes is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.***

***Topic: Mr Holmes' Personal Meeting Room***

***Join Zoom Meeting***

***<https://zoom.us/j/7383844494?pwd=a244dEpmTTU0aUxMSWNCRzMxTG9zQT09>***



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### **Assemblies**

We have switched the Thursday assembly to 'class assembly' where a bit more circle time can happen and discussions on feelings and emotions; the schools programme on Paths/Mind Up. This will be at the usual time (2pm KS1 and 2.30pm KS2) but on the usual class link and not the assembly link.

### **Communication-Class emails**

Sometimes you are using these to contact the teacher during the lesson with technical difficulties, it is unlikely they will be able to instantly reply. You would be better off phoning the school. Please contact the school directly on 020 8874 1301 and the office staff with endeavour to help you.

Also, please consider your email traffic; I do not want the teachers spending all their off screen time liaising through emails.

### **Class set up**

We have had a few enquiries about teaching in classes rather than year groups. We are teaching this way so that the other teacher can support and be the eyes/ear of the call. We also want to have a second school adult on there for safeguarding reasons- there are support staff on the calls, but this might change if we need them in school. There will be more and more break out rooms used, where classes might get divided in half and/or smaller teaching groups.

### **Afternoon Sessions**

Each afternoon from 1-2pm the class teachers, and other teaching staff, are available to offer some small group advice to children that they feel would benefit from smaller additional help. The teachers will organise these with the child and parent.

You may email the class teacher to request a session for your child if they haven't been allocated one. This may be for morale boosting/well-being reasons or you feel they are not as confident from a lesson as they are showing on screen.

### **Homework/Spellings/Mathletics**

Spellings and Mathletics will happen this week and the usual talking homework and enhanced Y5/6 homework from next week.





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### **Routines, including Exercise**

Getting your child into a routine each day/week will really help them, and you, through the weeks. I would suggest between 12-2pm (or 2.30pm for KS2) you use this time for lunch and daily exercise, whether that is in our outside.

### **Sharing Work Online using Google Classroom**

We are aware that google classroom has been one of the biggest technical difficulties. Mr Heale has produced a video to make it even easier for you.

<https://youtu.be/ewHWF6h6wF8>

### **Optional Projects**

Next Friday we will be offering a range of projects connected with different subject areas that children can complete. I talked about these yesterday in the assembly. Some may come with prizes or publication in the next school newspaper, but we essentially just want to offer a range of other areas children can get involved in. Optional, does mean optional!

### **Place 2 Be**

Ryan will be running a surgery for parents to have zoom conversations with him should you need. The timings are

- **Virtual/Phone Parent Surgeries** (by appointment only via email):
  - Wednesdays: 10-11.30am
  - Thursdays: 1.30-2.30pm
  - 20/30mins each
- **Parent Talk with new P2B Parent Counsellor via Zoom:**
  - Friday 22nd January. 12pm.

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

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- 15/20mins each

To book an appointment please email [Ryan.Campinho-Valadas@place2be.org.uk](mailto:Ryan.Campinho-Valadas@place2be.org.uk)

### Music

These lessons will start next week and Mr Moss, Music Lead, will be in touch with how these lessons are being delivered remotely.

### Well-being Resources

Below are some resources you might find useful

Short mental and emotional health well-being

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/newsbeat-52411394>

This is a short 15 minute video on talking to children..

- Episode 4: The Parent-Adult-Child (PAC) model Video:  
<https://youtu.be/P1otCrRDBHo>

There is a whole section from the company-some is directed more at secondary school, but you might find it useful.

- [https://twitter.com/Rethinking\\_Ed/status/1346253446387793922?s=20](https://twitter.com/Rethinking_Ed/status/1346253446387793922?s=20)

I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all again online on Monday morning.

Best wishes

Tom Holmes  
Headteacher

