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Dear Parents

An enormous thank you to everyone who completed the Home Learning Questionnaire. We received 43 responses (out of 105 children currently home learning). We have read through your responses and comments and shared these with staff and Governors. We know that many parents are doing an amazing job managing home learning. We love seeing all your posts on Tapestry and being able to celebrate everything children are doing and enjoying at home.

You gave us lots of really positive feedback including...

‘Support from teachers is absolutely amazing and making our home schooling so much easier and less stressful.’

‘I am glad all the activities are well organised and also printed already so it’s easier for us parents. It is more efficient.’

‘I would love to thank all the teachers for their support during this pandemic.’

‘I love how organised they are. Each worksheet is numbered with the day it’s to be done, then we have a chart with the activities for each day with a little explanation of what’s to do be done. Makes home-schooling easier which then makes it more enjoyable. Thank you’

‘The day to day packs are a brilliant idea and keeping them away from the screens.’

‘The teaching staff have done amazing with producing the work packs. They are full of variety and have encouraged more independent learning. Home learning is not without it’s challenges but overall they have been put together well and are easy to follow once stuck in the books. Thanks all at DWI 😊’

‘Your home learning packs have been amazing so simple for parents to teach you gave everything to help couldn’t of asked for anymore. Super job 🍌🍌🍌’

You also told us some of the things you are finding tricky about home learning or that we could do to support you. We have worked with staff to look at these ready for this half term.

You said....	So.....
Children at home are missing their friends	We trialled a small group 'get together' on Microsoft Teams just before half term. Thank you to the children and parents who took part. We will be extending this in the next two weeks so each child has the opportunity to join a small group 'get together' online.
Some children are finding it hard to concentrate or focus on their work	We have provided support for families who have shared this with staff. This includes visual timetables, ideas for routines, reward charts. Please let us know (email, via Tapestry, when your child's teacher calls) if you need support with this and we will see how we can help.
Children are missing having stickers from their teachers	We have found a way to add stickers to work posted on Tapestry.
Some parents would like more information and support for activities	The pack coming out this week (to start on 24 th February) has a slightly different format for the planning so there is more space for information about the activities. We are also including more parent information and guides.
A few parents would like online lessons	<p>The paper-based packs are working well and follow how children are learning in school with lots of practical activities and resources. We believe this is the best approach for young children and so will continue with this until everyone is back in school full time.</p> <p>To help parents who would like online resources we have increased the weblinks we provide on the Home Learning page of the website for the 'Lost and Found' pack which starts on 24th February. The other, more general links are still there for parents to access.</p> <p>Last half term we started sending links for videos to support Maths at home. From 24th February we will also be sending links to Phonics videos and e-books. These links are sent via Tapestry.</p>

We all hope that very soon we can have everyone back in school full time. Until then, please get in touch if there is anything else we can do to support you, your family and home learning.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Boddy

Headteacher