



Head of School Update 06.01.2021

It seems as if we are all settling into a new way of working under new lockdown rules and restrictions. Thank you to many of you for reaching out and getting in touch regarding remote learning. We are under no illusions as to how tricky this must be especially if you are balancing multiple children on devices and tablets at once.

A number of parents have enquired about commercially approved websites that may be available to use (many more are being made free during the lockdown) to help support the remote learning taking place. With this in mind, I have amalgamated a post from another teacher during the previous lockdown and added some websites of our own that we pay for within school to give you a list of websites, resources and information you may find useful (please find attached).

We have also been told recently that everyone's favourite PE teacher, Joe Wicks, will be back from next Monday on his YouTube channel delivering live PE lessons to the nation. If you have done one before, you will know it is certainly a challenge! The Body Coach TV - YouTube

The BBC have also announced that, from Monday 11 January, the CBBC channel will have a three-hour block of primary school programmes from 9am. This will include programmes from BBC Live Lessons and BBC Bitesize Daily as well as Our School, Celebrity Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories and Operation Ouch. From Monday, children will be provided with three hours worth of primary school lessons every weekday on CBBC and at least two hours for secondary school pupils on BBC Two.

It's hoped the move will benefit lots of families, in particular those who may find it hard to provide internet access for their children to keep up with their studies.

I also wanted to remind you that school will not be open for ANY children (including key worker children) on Thursday 14th January for reasons detailed in my letter to all parents on December 31st. Teachers will not be required to post remote learning tasks on this day only so it is advised that you log onto some of the websites listed below and ask your children to complete their school based 'app' tasks on Doodlemaths, TTRS, AR, Oxford Owl etc as well. We hope you understand the reasons behind this decision given the current circumstances in school. If you would like to discuss this further, or if you are a key worker and will find the situation untenable, please get in touch to discuss this further.