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### **On line home learning**

Dear Parent and Carers

We would like to start by congratulating the children for responding brilliantly to their online learning tasks this week. This is in no small part thanks to your support – thank you for everything that you are doing to make home learning such as success.

As we all get accustomed to a new way of working, we wanted to take this opportunity to answer a few frequently asked questions:

- We do not need to see evidence that a child has completed their work. Some people are uploading images or edited files and this allows teachers to see children's work and add comments; this is not essential at the moment though. When a child has completed their work, if they tick the 'hand in' box on the assignment then their teacher will see that the assignment has been finished.
- Daily assignments – maths and English tasks – are set at 8am with a hand-in time of 4pm. The clocks changing over the weekend shifted some of these timings around a bit! These times are nominal and are in place so that children do not work too early in the morning or late into the evening. There is no punishment for late submission! Deadlines should cause no stress to you or your children!
- Teachers will do their best to respond to children on Teams between 8am and 4pm but may be unable to do so because they might be in school working with children, in meetings or carrying out other work at home.
- The tasks are designed to consolidate learning and the volume of work should not become overwhelming for the children. If you are happy that your child has worked long and hard enough in a day then they should stop and relax rather than trying too hard to finish every single task set. If they have done some maths, English, reading and topic work in a day then their teachers will be happy!
- We are aware that some children are using the chat function to communicate with their friends. This is only natural, especially considering that they are unable to see each other. We are happy for them to do this, but we cannot monitor this so please could you check that chat is not being misused. Please report anything concerning to us.

- There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:
  - [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online, attached)
  - [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
  - [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
  - [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
  - [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and careers from the NSPCC)

There are just a small number of children who have not yet accessed their online tasks over these first few days. If you did not receive Friday's email or you are having technical difficulties, please contact us on [homelearning@hendreds.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@hendreds.oxon.sch.uk).

We think that, considering the enormity of the task in hand, you all adapting magnificently.

Thank you!

Chris Savage and Jamie Veness