

MEADOWBROOK'S LOCKDOWN WEEKLY



Dear Parents, Children & Staff,

Our 3rd week of remote education and I would like to thank all of our lovely staff (*whether behind the scenes or in front of the camera!*) our parents and of course our children, for the hard work and input it has taken thus far. We can all be proud of what we have achieved.



The daily challenges are certainly diminishing but of course, no one can account for every technical difficulty that comes our way... usually just at that critical moment! My youngest son and I

attempted (in vain) to sit through his remote parent teacher meetings last night. As is common at secondary, we had 5 minutes per teacher but with the added bonus this year, of an automatic timer counting down in the corner of the screen! We were told that after 5 minutes, it would disconnect automatically. Unfortunately, the system (all singing and dancing apparently *and* costing a pretty penny) didn't wait for the timer! Out of 7 teachers, the longest we managed with *anyone* was 2 minutes. Even then, grainy screens, interrupted soundbites and lost connections made it a frustrating experience for all concerned. Luckily, I had decided to take advantage of the fact the meetings were online...I had poured myself a glass of wine before sitting down and took great pains to alter the camera angle to ensure that no teacher could see it! As it happened, I needn't have altered the camera at all! Nevertheless, I appreciated the work and effort that putting on *any* form of remote schooling and feedback entails. Teachers around the

world are making it look FAR easier than it actually is and I take my hat off to all of them.... but especially to ours.



SAME
TEACHER



DIFFERENT
TOOLS

On that note, if parents are unable to log in for a lesson, please remember that it will not always be possible to get hold of the teacher for help. This will be down to how far into the lesson they are, whether or not they can see / or use their phone and of course with PT staff, we are unable to give out mobile numbers. If you experience an issue, your first port of call should be your class teacher. If they don't respond, then call Joy at school or try my mobile 0759 902 9085 and we will attempt to contact the person for you. We have asked all staff to open lessons earlier than the start time where possible and would recommend joining the waiting room early just in case problems arise.

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ATTENDANCE REGISTERS

A REMINDER TO PARENTS & CHILDREN THAT WE ARE STILL REQUIRED TO COMPLETE (AND REPORT ON) ATTENDANCE REGISTERS FOR **ALL** LIVE LESSONS. AS WOULD BE THE CASE AT SCHOOL, IF ANYONE IS UNABLE TO ATTEND A LESSON, THIS MUST BE REPORTED / REQUESTED, IN ADVANCE IF POSSIBLE TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER.

Reception Parents seem to be enjoying our new on line Learning Journey Platform **Tapestry** which allows users to view and add photographs, videos and comments regarding their children's learning. Recording EYFS, Montessori and Characteristics of Effective Learning is now all in one place and we can see from the many videos, pictures and

comments uploaded by parents and Wendy, that it's also going to provide a lovely record of each child's educational journey.



CHILDREN!!

Remember to keep up-to-date with current affairs by **WATCHING NEWSROUND** Everyday....

Also.... Please check your school emails once a week as sometimes Sarah or Serena may email you!

THIS WEEK'S HANDBOOK UPDATES Staff should be aware of the new **Operation Encompass Teacher's Helpline** - to discuss (in confidence with an Ed Psych) how to support children experiencing domestic abuse. More information can be obtained from SG/SW or direct from the [Operation Encompass](#) website.

Asymptomatic Rapid Lateral Flow Testing of Staff - Training is currently being delivered to staff to support the roll out of self-administered rapid lateral flow tests (LFT). Offered initially to staff involved in KWP, these twice weekly tests will be undertaken at home before staff come into school (taken 3-4 days apart). The tests are designed to identify positive cases and therefore help to break the transmission cycle. Staff testing positive will be required to self-isolate and our LA hub will advise on next steps regarding any close contacts. Staff testing negative (and symptom free) are permitted to come to school but as will continue to adhere to current social distancing and other safety measures.