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Dear Parents and Carers

Just a quick catch up newsletter as to where we are with school reopening and provision for your child(ren). The Trust are working extremely hard to put return to school plans in place and we meet regularly to discuss how this can best be done safely and effectively. We are, of course, still waiting on government guidelines but behind the scenes, are planning for different ways that we can slowly return to school in a phased manner. Please bear with me, I will keep you updated as much as I can in the coming week or so.

Remote learning

Class Dojo is working well for everyone now – I want to thank you all again for the engagement we have seen this far. It has been uplifting to see all the photographs, pieces of work and smiling faces of the pupils! The following link has advice for parents on continuing learning at home during this time:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

One of the best ideas from this advice is about structuring your day. You should try to make sure that children:

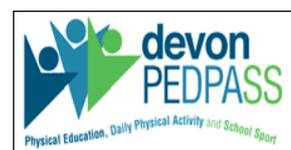
- get up and go to bed at the same time each day
- have regular meal times
- have regular breaks
- make time to be active – children are used to regular play at lunch and break times

Also, although learning set involves the use of a digital device, there are useful tips on getting the balance right:

Reducing screen time

Digital devices are not the only way to learn. Manage screen time with a timer and break up screen time by getting your child to:

- use books and other printed materials that their school has provided or that you have at home
- write by hand – try asking them to complete work by hand, write a diary, a summary of things they have done each day or 'to do' lists
- be active and get away from the screen regularly – see these [physical activity resources](#) for primary school children
- stop using digital devices at least an hour before bed



Transition EYFS/ Year 6

Today, new intake will have received a pack to complete and some information on how transition might work in the event of further school closure. WE are hoping for the normal transition sessions in Littlemoor in the second half of term but need to plan for both eventualities at this stage. Similarly, we are working with Mr Brett at the College to devise a possible virtual transition plan for Year 6s. Once we know more about return to school, then this plan can be realised. We understand that this is a trying time for our Year 6 pupils and hope that we will be able to make transition as seamless as we can next half term. More details to follow soon.

I hope you all log on to Class Dojo to see the celebration assembly of some excellent examples of home learning this week.

Have a good weekend and stay safe!

With warmest wishes,
Deirdre Petersen

GALLERY OF CHILDREN'S HOME LEARNING

