



Newsletter 8th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly 'Happy New Year!' and welcome back to what has been a rather different start to the new term than we all anticipated. I know you are all now well aware of Mrs Harper's absence from school due to the sad loss of her father. Please continue to keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers at such a sad time.

Thank you for all your fantastic support and understanding during these first three days of the term while teachers and support staff have been working extremely hard in very challenging circumstances. We have had to make a rapid response to the government's call for a national lockdown on Monday night but please be assured that we are doing our utmost to provide a quality remote learning experience for the majority of children who are currently at home.

Remote Learning

Attached to this newsletter are timetables for remote learning via Microsoft Teams for next week which we are going to trial. In line with government expectations, we are providing 4 hours of learning per day. We are also scheduling 3 collective worship sessions per week. In addition, we are providing 2 live check-ins per day where children will be able to meet for registration in the morning and for an afternoon catch up with their class teacher. Our aim is not to check up on anyone but rather to add structure to the day's learning for the children and to support you.

We have listened to feedback from you and we will be extending the time periods that assignments become available on 'Teams' so that you have them the night before with a longer time frame for completing work. There should be no need to print anything off. Feedback from the teacher will only be given on extended writing once a week. The children will therefore only need to upload their writing once a week and nothing else.

Policies and Safeguarding

I also attach copies of our Acceptable Use of Technology policy for your information. To avoid paperwork needing to come back during the pandemic, rather than signing to say you agree unless we hear back to the contrary, the school assumes that all parents and pupils will abide by the agreement. I also attach our Online Safety policy for your reference. These links will direct you to the website where you can also view the policies.

<https://www.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Xavier-Acceptable-Use-of-Technology-Policy-autumn-2020-Reviewed-8th-Jan-2021.pdf>

<https://www.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Xavier-Online-Safety-Policy-Reviewed-8th-January.pdf>

Please note: All live online sessions will be recorded for safeguarding purposes.

Once again thank you for your continued support of the school. We are really looking forward to seeing the children on Teams next week and we really hope that they enjoy their home learning.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs Grace
Deputy Head Teacher