



Garlinge Primary School and Nursery

15th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to say well done to all of our children who have been working hard this week with their home learning. It has been a pleasure to see and hear about all the fantastic learning that you have been doing. Many of you have been taking part in our live Zoom lessons which we hope you have enjoyed. This has been a new and daunting experience for our teachers and I am sure you will agree that they are doing an amazing job to adapt their approach to teaching in such a short time.

We know that many of you have been accessing home learning from a range of different devices such as computers, laptops, Macs, Chrome books, tablets, Ipads, Xboxes, Playstations and phones depending on your situation. We will be in contact with those families that have notified us of difficulties with accessing the home learning on a device soon. Parents and Carers may continue to collect paper work-packs of the home learning from school each week if they wish. Please contact your teacher if this is needed and to arrange a suitable time to collect from the school office.

The following important points will ensure that the Zoom lessons run as smoothly as possible and your child gets the most from them.

- Join the meeting five minutes early if possible so teachers can register the class.
- Name the device your child is using with **their full name** so their identity can be confirmed as quickly as possible. Those devices that cannot be identified will not be allowed access to the lesson. If you have difficulty with this, please email your child's class teacher.
- Continue to send in work via email to share the wonderful learning with our teachers.
- Screenshots, photos or recordings of Zoom lessons **must not** be made and the links **must not** be shared with others.
- Participants may be removed from the lesson if rules are not being followed.

So that we can keep our key worker groups as small as possible and continue to minimise risk, from Monday 18th January more of our teachers will be leading 'live' Zoom lessons with the key worker children present in the classroom. Please be aware that these teachers will not be able to reply to emails straight away and we thank you for your patience with this.

We fully understand that many of you are able to commit different amounts of time to supporting your children at home with their learning as everyone's circumstances are different. We would like to thank all of you for as little or as much of the home learning as you are able to do at this difficult time. Don't forget that activities such as playing games, reading, baking or going for a walk will also help your children with their learning. Please do not worry - you are all doing a fantastic job!

At this time, even though we are not able to learn under the same roof, we are learning under the same sky. Keep persevering and trying your best - we look forward to the time when everyone can be back together in school again.

Take care and stay safe.

Stephen Cope
Head of School

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Head of School