

RSJB Weekly

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I hope this update finds you all healthy and doing as well as you can under the circumstances. Again, I would like to start by thanking everyone for your huge efforts with our remote learning. We truly have been overwhelmed with the quality of the work that children are producing. I am so proud of our incredible staff for adapting to the world of remote teaching as well as teaching children of Key Workers in school; as you can imagine this is a hard balance. We also hope you enjoyed our virtual 'Gold Awards' - we certainly did! This will be taking place every Friday, just like it would do in school and think it is a great way to end the week. A HUGE well done to all our winners; the decisions were very difficult in every class. Awards can be collected from the office. As I have said before, it is vital that children do the work set on Google Classroom to ensure they do not fall behind the learning of their peers. We will ensure that all work will be available until Sunday evening in all classes to ensure that you can access it at a time that works for your family.

The live sessions have worked really well across school this week. Staff are finding their feet more with the technology too. Year 3 and 4 will be moving to recording more sessions and offering a live taught session everyday towards the end of this week. This blended approach has worked really well in Years 5 and 6. We are hoping this will support you at home and help with the amount of work children are set. Times will be given on your child's Google Classroom. Any lessons taught live will be recorded and shared to allow you to watch later in the day at a time that works for your family. We are aiming for three hours in KS1 and four hours of work set in KS2 a day. These are expectations from the Government. As always, keep communicating with us as we want this to work for all our remote learners as well as be a realistic expectation that staff can provide.

Foundation Stage Two	Phonics and Story time daily
Year One	Phonics and Story time daily
Year Two	Morning task and story time daily
KS2	Taught session/ feedback daily

We have had a number of parents ask when will the school fully reopen?

We are in the dark as much as you all are, similarly as when the schools were closed. All schools found out they were closing at eight o'clock on the Monday evening, when the rest of the country found out. In that situation we were given 12 hours' notice. The Education Secretary did state publicly last week that there would be a two week notice prior to schools re-opening, so we will, like you, be waiting for him to tell us.

As always if you need any help or support with anything, even none school related, please contact us. If there are areas of remote learning you think we can improve upon please tell us.

Yours sincerely

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