



Central Co-operative Learning Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the Spring term we are writing to thank you for all you have done to support your children with their learning in this difficult period of national lockdown.

At the start of this year, the government gave all schools only one day's notice to move to remote learning for the majority of pupils; this was an enormous task for us all. Fortunately, the schools had been developing remote learning in the Autumn Term through the use of google classrooms, Zoom and other online resources. There had been a short period of time for us to help the children prepare.

However, we know that many of you had to learn how to use the technology of these new platforms in order to support your children at home. It wasn't always easy.

We really appreciate the very positive way that you have helped, advised, persuaded and encouraged your children to engage with the learning that the schools have set. We know this must have been hard, especially where you were juggling your own work commitments and trying to help several children in a family at once.

We hope you feel as we do, that this period of time has helped to develop the partnership between home and learning in school. We certainly feel that we have still been able to keep in contact with many of you, even if it is through a computer screen. The Trust purchased 180 chrome book laptops which were loaned to families during the lockdown and schools also lent their own stocks so no families were without a device.

A survey was sent out to you all recently to help us to understand more about your experiences of home learning. The results are attached. There are some valuable lessons for us all to learn from the experience and we will be discussing how we can build on these in the future. The results tell us that the majority of you are satisfied with home learning, you are mostly confident with it and you feel that children coped well overall. Most of you feel that communication is clear, the schools are easy to contact and your children have made progress. The detailed breakdown is on the next page.

The schools have greatly valued the positive and supportive comments and emails you have sent in. Here are three examples from many from the survey:

'As a family we couldn't have asked for more, perfect amount of work, very well explained, excellent video help each day.'

'The communication from school has been second to none. The resources available were outstanding, maths websites, reading material, great use of google classrooms.'

'Our school have gone above and beyond. With clear concise information, always available for advice and additional work if required. Just outstanding!'

The survey also told us the areas that we need to be better at helping you with including explaining terminology, supporting with using google classrooms, setting out expectations and timetables and access to reading materials. We will be looking at how we can address these and also learn from the successes such as phonics lessons, Loom and Zoom and preteaching activities.

Please be assured that as ever, we will be doing all we can to support your children pastorally and academically over the next term and into the future, whatever that brings.

Thank you for all you have done to support learning both at home and at school. We are looking forward to a time in the not too distant future when things begin to go back to normal again. Enjoy your family time this Easter break and hopefully there will be some Spring sunshine to lift our spirits.

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