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Dear Parent/Carer

A big thank you to everyone who filled in our remote learning survey- we had 96 responses in total. As a school we were overwhelmed by all the positive comments that we received. All these comments have been shared with the staff and have really helped to keep them going at what is a very difficult time! I know that all of them very much miss having the children with them and hope that they will all be back in school soon.

Last week, all the teaching staff met in their phases to review the results of the survey and to identify some actions that we could put into place following your feedback. Below are the main actions that we will be implementing across the school to enhance our remote learning offer. However, some year groups will be putting into place a number of other things to support with the areas identified. Our whole school actions are as follows:

Main Areas From Survey	School Actions To Enhance Remote Learning		
Providing more work at different levels to support children who are finding it too difficult or to challenge those who are finding it too easy.	 We will be adding more worksheets into lessons, especially for Maths. All children will be instructed to complete the sheets that they feel they can do but will be encouraged to try and complete all of them if possible. We will be providing extra challenges based around problem solving within Maths lessons for those who are finding the work too easy. We are providing packs of resources to support children who are finding work difficult e.g. cubes, number lines, words banks, dictionaries. Please contact your child's class teacher and they will be happy to arrange resources for you to collect. We will use our 'live sessions' to go over concepts that lots of the children are finding challenging. 		
Providing some work/ activities that do not rely on a screen and are more practical, interesting and engaging.	 We will be setting some small projects/ tasks for the children to complete either during a day or across the week. These will include subjects such as Art and DT and will not involve a screen. During 'live sessions' we will be asking children to share what they have achieved. We will re-post 'homework grids' onto our Microsoft Teams accounts. These provide lots of activities/ projects based around our topics that do not require a screen. Children will be able to share what they have created with their teacher and their class during 'live sessions'. 		
Allow opportunities for children to discuss their work 1:1 with their child's class teacher if needed.	 Rather than doing a short written report like we did in the Autumn Term, for the Spring Term, teachers will contact all Parents/Carers via telephone to discuss their child's progress. Teachers will be available at the end of a 'live session' to discuss anything on a 1:1 basis. Please let your child's class teacher know if you wish to do this. If there is more than one child requesting this or there are time constraints then the teacher will arrange a future phone call to discuss anything on a 1:1 basis. Should you wish to arrange a 1:1 telephone conversation in advance then please contact the school office at enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk. 		

There were also a number of comments on the survey relating to the school providing paper copies of work and access to laptops/ devices. Please can I remind all Parents/Carers that the school can provide these for you free of charge and have been doing so since the start of the lockdown in January. Should your child need a laptop, internet access, paper copies of work, exercise books, paper, pencils, rubbers, rulers etc. then please contact the school office to arrange for collection. You can contact the school office at enquires@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk or on 01476568616. Thank you to all Parents/Carers who have already done this to help support their child at home.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support of the school during this difficult time. As always, I feel privileged to be the Headteacher of such a wonderful school! I have attached a full summary of the survey results at the end of this letter for your information.

Kind regards

Chris Heathcote Headteacher

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Remote Learning Survey Results January 2021

Questions:		Disagree	Not sure
 My child has a quiet area at home where they can focus on their school work 	78	13	7
My child has access to a suitable device and an internet connection (either your own or one provided by school)	86	10	2
My child enjoys the work they are doing at home	51	22	25
 My child understands how to complete the work that is set and knows what is expected of them 	59	18	21
5. My child is spending too much time on a screen for learning	37	39	22
My child receives an appropriate amount of work that is suitable for their age and ability	63	12	23
7. My child knows where to get help if they don't understand their work	78	10	10
8. My child knows where to send their work once it has been completed	80	10	8
My child receives feedback about their work from their teacher	83	2	13
 My child continues to feel part of the school community despite being at home (eg: Through live sessions and assemblies) 	64	17	17
11. My child knows how to keep safe online	75	13	10
12. I understand how to support my child with their remote learning	80	9	9
 The school has communicated clearly with me regarding their remote learning offer and expectations 	80	7	11
14. I feel supported by the school with helping my child to learn remotely	80	7	11











