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Dear Parents and Carers,

Remote Learning and Live Sessions

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback about our home learning offer, and for your kind words of encouragement. We have had some great feedback about the **pre-recorded teaching videos** available to pupils which now support the lesson slides. These videos allow children **to pause and review learning** as many times as they need to, and can be accessed at any time of the day. Due to the success of these videos, we will be keeping these going as part of our home learning offer.

We are however, aware that technology has moved on significantly since the last lockdown, and schools are now starting to explore live learning this time round. From the parent surveys, we have noted that whilst most parents would welcome live sessions, many parents remain concerned that they may not be able to support their child through live sessions set at a specific time each day, due to work commitments or as they are having to support other children at the same time. The reasons for wanting live lessons have mostly been around the well-being of children, to help children feel more connected with their classmates, and to motivate children to want to learn and participate in home learning.

We are therefore pleased to be able to offer the following which we hope will suit the vast majority of parents.

Live sessions

Live sessions will take place through **Google Meet**. Children must log in using their Google Classroom account; they will not be admitted into the meeting if they are using a personal account. Teachers will share the Google Meet link needed on your child's **Google Classroom stream** and it will go live 5 minutes before the session. This is to make sure that a member of school staff is present on the Google Meet before any children join the session. When a session ends, all children must leave the meeting and then a member of staff will close the session. Two staff members must be present on a meeting in order for it to take place.

Live contact has been planned so that only one year group is online at any one time to ensure that families with more than one child at our school are not disadvantaged. These sessions are for Year 1 and 2 teaching staff and pupils, with one supporting parent/adult only. We ask that other household members do not participate in the live session.

'Welcome! Introduction to live sessions' (2x 15-30 minutes approx) w/c 25.01.21: This is a chance for your child to meet with their teachers and classmates at the first of the live sessions. The teacher will set some ground rules for online behaviour and children will learn how to take part in live sessions safely. These introductory and practise sessions will take place **during the week commencing 25.1.21**. Please try to attend both sessions if possible.

Daily Live Sessions (4x 15 minutes approx initially) from w/c 1.2.21:





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- Teachers discuss overview and expectations of work for that day and discuss previous day's learning (sharing some good work if appropriate)
- Highlight the key learning for that day
- Share some top tips for children and parents for successful learning for that day (things to watch out for)
- Teachers will aim to make this an interactive session, so it may include games, quizzes, some phonics/English skills practise and/or some mental maths practise
- Goodbye

	Year 1	Year 2
w/c 25.01.21	Tues 26th @ 10:00am Thurs 28th @ 10:00am	Tues 26th Jan @ 9:30am Thurs 28th Jan @ 9:30am
From w/c 01.02.21	4 days a week @ 10:00am (your class teacher will let you know which days of the week are for your class)	4 days a week @ 9:30am (your class teacher will let you know which days of the week are for your class)

We hope that these live interactions will help to enhance students' remote learning experience and wellbeing by having regular contact and interaction with their teachers and peers. However, please be aware that school staff reserve the right to remove students from a live session if their behaviour does not meet expectations and parents/carers will be informed.

What if I cannot support my child to participate in any of these live sessions?

There is no obligation for your child to join these live sessions and we appreciate that the timings might not work for all families. Please let us know if your child is unable to attend a particular session - you can send a message to your child's class teacher via Tapestry or Google Classroom.

If you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in these sessions **at all**, please contact the school via the email to let us know your reasons why. Please write to the following address admin@burlingtoni.org.uk.

To ensure that these sessions are successful and to keep pupils and staff safe, we have devised a protocol for live sessions (attached) which all pupils, parents and staff must agree to when they participate in them. Please make sure your child understands the protocol before any live session.

We will be reviewing all remote learning in the coming weeks and will seek feedback from children and parents once we have established our offer. Thank you for your support and patience as we move into yet another new way of working on this journey.

Best wishes,

Mrs S Yay-Walker
Headteacher

