

Edward Peake C of E (VC) Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Many thanks to those of you who took the time to respond to our survey regarding remote learning and the start of the spring term.

The vast majority of you were overwhelmingly positive and supportive of the efforts of Edward Peake staff and I have personally passed on every comment to the individuals mentioned. There are some suggestions for minor improvements and we have looked at these during staff training time and will implement them if we can. We are all learning what works and what doesn't! For example, we do not expect teachers to put a written comment on every piece of work submitted - with the amount of time that they are having to spend in school looking after the children of critical workers and the vulnerable pupils, they simply do not have the capacity to do this but we have looked at ways in which feedback to our pupils can become more efficient and easier to manage (such as verbal feedback) as well as helping our pupils to make progress.

Many of you raised concerns that your child/children were working more than 5 hours per day as they were finding the tasks took longer than they might in the normal classroom environment, for a variety of reasons. Please do not worry and don't feel that you have to complete everything if that is putting pressure on your family. If you need a break and a walk in the fresh air, take it! 5 hours per day is sufficient and if that proves too much then please do contact us and we will help prioritise.

All anyone can do is their best and if you are doing your best in these difficult times then well done and thank you! You are doing a fantastic job. We are grateful that so many of you recognise the fact that we are also doing our best to support our community. By the end of February, we will have an hour and a half extra daylight every day, which will help to lift our spirits enormously and hopefully more information regarding the return of our pupils to their classrooms.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Z Linington', written in a cursive style.

Miss Z J Linington
Headteacher

