

Friday 29 January 2021

Dear families,

Attached with this letter is the Parent Guide to Home Learning. Thank you very much to all of our families that were able to find the time to complete the online survey. This week we have been very busy in putting all of your valued feedback into our planning to provide an even better home learning experience for your child / children.

We shared the positive messages you sent in for staff with our team today. They were just what we all needed. A real lift and positive boost to the morale of your child's teachers and support staff, working really hard, in possibly the most challenging circumstances of our careers. They have asked that we extend their gratitude for your resilience and also for the way you have supported us with your extensive efforts at getting all of our pre-teens and teens out of bed, fed, watered, prepared and at least there in body when we have begun to teach our lessons!

Additionally, we were overwhelmed with an extensive number of parental comments regarding the things that you felt we were getting right and doing well. I will include a few of your quotes below. However, please see the Parent Guide for a broader overview.

- ☺ I have been so impressed with the online provision at Longdendale. The lessons and work sound engaging and the teachers are really working hard. It has made a difficult time easier as I am not worried about my daughter's learning and achievement during this uncertain period. Well done!*
- ☺ Teams meetings lessons are as close to actual lessons as you can get and I think my son has benefited from them. Having live form time is great for preparing for the day.*
- ☺ It's great that you have signposted the children to organisations that can support them if needed and that they know who can help them at school if they need anything.*
- ☺ Engaging with parents when a child falls off the system and doesn't log into learning - as a working parent this is great communication as I'm not always aware.*
- ☺ Personal feedback and recognition that they can share with parents. My son got a personal mention about an assignment and many members of family were able to see it to praise and encourage. This really lifted him.*

When surveyed a small number of families expressed concern regarding their child's wellbeing, but they were unsure how to access further support. In the Parent Guide we have included additional places, other than our website, where information, support and guidance can be sought. Your child's wellbeing and safety are of paramount concern to us. If you would like to speak to somebody in school please contact us on the details shared above.

If in the survey you requested to be contacted by a member of staff directly, and you supplied us with contact details, we would anticipate this to have happened. If you are still waiting for a

response please could you contact me directly either on my email, j.willis@lhs.aspireplus.org.uk or on the telephone number 01457 764006 and I will ensure that you get a prompt response.

Whilst the vast majority of parents and carers felt confident when it came to keeping their child safe on-line, some of our families requested further information and guidance in this area. In response to this, we are offering an online workshop that aims to equip you with a better understanding of some of the risks that greater engagement with the online world represents and some of the measures you can put in place to protect against these risks. This event will be hosted at 5pm on Tuesday 2 February 2021. If you would like to register your attendance please complete the form below, by clicking on the link below, by noon on Monday 1 February 2021.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=PYXtMZuy_0OE_wu8V1Qn-MmaYEWv8ChHm-F1bRfWBU1UM1BPSFIDNFhXS0g5ODhBVDBTMk9CNVNaUy4u

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



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