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Tuesday 9th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well. You will have seen the announcement by the Prime Minister on 27th January, that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half term and instead there are hopes it will be safe to commence the reopening of schools and colleges from Monday 8th March - at the earliest. We will inform you of any plans to reopen as soon as we can. We will continue to use Satchel for online learning, for at least the next 3 school weeks. Please note, the week beginning Monday 15th February is officially half term and there will be no online learning set. Remote learning will recommence on Monday 22nd February.

Thank you very much for all the support and positive messages we have received regarding the launch of Satchel as our main on-line learning platform. As we approach week 6 of remote learning, we want to be able to support you and your child in the best way possible, so please telephone the school if you need any welfare support. If your child is ill when they are at home and are unable to complete their remote learning, please inform the school office so they can let the class teacher know not to expect any work for that day.

Every day in term time should be treated like a normal school day and therefore all children should be completing the work placed on satchel each day. Teachers have been working very hard to organise the lessons remotely and for those unable to access these we have given out paper packs. We have also loaned 150 laptops to support the remote online learning. We kindly ask any family who has been issued with one to ensure it is being used to complete the work set on Satchel. We are able to monitor the completed work and if your child is not completing the online work, we will ask you to return the loaned laptop.

Teachers will be in contact shortly with details about a live zoom or teams session which will take place at the end of this week. This will be an opportunity for the class to meet up at the end of this half term for story time, a quiz or a celebration of work.

Email helpline for Satchel: Thank you to those parents who have emailed any issues. We will try to get back to you as soon as possible, however this may take up to 48 hours. These email addresses are monitored between 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday.

Peninsula Campus- PEN_Covidinfo@koinoniafederation.com

Woolwich Campus - WW_Covidinfo@koinoniafederation.com

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E- Safety: Today is Safer Internet Day 2021. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and more to join together in helping to create a better internet. You may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Education Pack for Parents and Carers which is available at: saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents

During this period of lockdown, pupils will be spending much longer on IT devices than usual. Attached is our e-safety policy for references. If you have any concerns about your child or their use of technology, the following websites are very supportive.

- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet](https://www.childnet.com)
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the [UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk)
- Guides on popular apps and games from [NetAware](https://www.netaware.com)
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org)

To view our [Federation E-Safety Policy](#)

Phone calls home: the purpose of these calls are for the class teacher/teaching assistant to speak directly with your child. We know that it is important for your child to hear a familiar voice and be able to ask any questions that they may have or just so that can speak with someone they know for a few minutes. These calls are there to support the well-being of your child, not just to check on their academic learning. Calls should last no more than 5-10 minutes and will be fortnightly for most pupils. However, your child may still receive a weekly phone call if we feel it would benefit them. This could be from their teaching assistant, the home school link worker, or the class teacher. Please always ensure you answer your phone so we are able to speak to your child.

Keeping safe: We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of the current lockdown rules. During conversations with pupils, it has been brought to our attention, pupils may have been visiting other households during school closure. While we understand the difficulties of home schooling and how much this has impacted on the children's usually day to day activities, we must follow the government rules of no mixing with anyone other than your household, this includes visiting friends and families' houses if you do not live with them. We must ensure all of our pupils and staff remain safe and reduce the risk of potential infection. The only exception to this is if you have formed a childcare bubble with another household.

What a childcare bubble is: A childcare bubble is where one household links with one other household to provide informal childcare to anyone under 14. All adults in both households must agree to this arrangement. 'Informal' childcare means it is unpaid and unregistered. Members of either household can provide childcare in a home or public place. This includes overnight care. You can only have one childcare bubble with one other household. This means no household should be part of more than one childcare bubble.

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You can only use a childcare bubble for childcare. You cannot use a childcare bubble to mix with another household for other reasons. If you form a childcare bubble, it's best if this is with a household who live locally. This will help prevent the virus spreading from an area where more people are infected.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families and the effort being made to work with us as we deliver online lessons. As always, we appreciate parents support especially during these uncertain times during the pandemic. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require support or have a query. At the end of this week we will commence the Spring half term – without home learning pressures we hope and pray it is a time you can enjoy together as a family playing games, enjoying a family meal or sharing stories.

With very best wishes,

Mrs C Harrison and Mrs V Wainwright
Federation Executive Co- Headteachers

A message from Rev Dominic Hubbuck

Let's start with a Riddle...

It was important in the beginning, it continues to be important as we go along.

It is great when it is great, and things are worse when it's not there.

It is part of what God is, and according to the song – it is all you need.

And what is it that we celebrate it on February 14th each year? LOVE!

There are so many things that we Love. So many things that we should Love more.

I wonder what you will show your love this year.

During these last 12 months we have had time to consider what we love and how much we miss when we are not able to go out and meet people.

I wonder what you are promising yourself when we can go freely wherever we want again.

My prayer is that you know that you are loved – utterly and completely – by a God of Love.

My hope is that you will show love to those around you and for the community that you are in.

And my Challenge to you is to take the time you need to show love to yourself on days when that is difficult, and give time to show love to the others around you that need it most.

Take Care and know that you are loved. Amen.

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