

GEORGE ROMNEY JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear parents, carers and families,

I hope everyone is safe and healthy and feeling that their week has started well! Today was the first time we have been asked to complete the new daily DfE attendance and engagement survey for children and staff. As a result of this, it is clear we are expected to use your child's remote presence in the morning meeting and/or the work they complete to help us code their attendance status. I know the vast majority of families are making a huge effort to ensure their child attends these meetings which we are grateful for and also we know the children enjoy the chance to see their friends! Even if you cannot access TEAMS for the whole day, joining the meeting for 15 minutes each morning would be really valuable and also give you and your child a chance to ask the class teachers any questions you may have.

As we are looking towards a sustainable system for teaching and learning remotely until at least half-term, I need to remind all parents (and children!) that class teachers will need time for planning and preparation during the working week and although they aim to respond to messages, questions and queries as soon as possible; sometimes there may be an unavoidable delay. The Y5/Y6 teachers meet and plan on a Monday afternoon and the Y3/Y4 teachers meet and plan on a Wednesday afternoon. As you will know; staff try their very best to respond as quickly as possible during the working day/week. I have told staff they need to switch off (laptops and brains!) during the evenings and weekends! I know you will fully understand this.

As always, please remember you can telephone the school office and speak to Mrs Jackson or email myself: head@grjs.cumbria.sch.uk

Take care, stay safe,

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David Reddy
(Headteacher)

