



Dear Parents and Carers of our Year 4 children,

28th January, 2021

We would like to begin by thanking you for your continual support and hard work during these challenging times. We are more than proud of the children's efforts towards their home learning and their demonstration of resilience. The majority of work we have been receiving is of a high standard and as we would expect from all children in year four. We would like to take this opportunity to present some positive feedback and some pointers that may be useful when checking eSchools as a parent.

Firstly, we have been really impressed with effort put into the creative tasks we have set such as the dragon models, the digestive system model, and the dragon packaging. We have had feedback that the children have been enjoying this creative way of learning and this is clearly demonstrated in their submitted work. Maths and English work have also been completed to a high standard, whether it be typed out or written on paper- both are equally as great. Furthermore, children are beginning to use the messenger feature more often so that they can receive help on tasks from their teachers when they require it, this is with the aim to relieve some of the pressure on parents at home as we understand how difficult it may be juggling work with home learning. We are also impressed with how the children have adapted to learning from home as this is a big change to be faced with. This challenge has also given some children the opportunity to develop ICT skills.

To offer extra support, we would like to suggest some pointers which may be of use to parents. Firstly, when we mark a child's work we usually put a comment at the bottom of the page. Sometimes we ask children to improve part of what they have done or complete some corrections. Once children have completed these we don't receive a notification that they have done this and so can miss them. To resolve this, we would suggest sending a private message to us using the messenger feature if you have a query or a reply – including any corrections or improvements in the message.

Additionally, we do not expect parents to print off worksheets or to rewrite the worksheet on paper. Children writing or typing answers out is perfectly fine as long as the date, task and numbers of each question are clearly labelled on their answer sheets. Please also remember that presentation expectations remain the same for home learning as they do in school, particularly in regards to handwriting if this is how you choose to submit your work. We want the children to maintain their handwriting skills and take a pride in their work.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and co-operation. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us over the phone or on eSchools if needed.

Kind Regards,

Miss Forsyth and Miss Renyard

