



**HOME
LEARNING**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It is incredible how the school community has come together during this challenging time. The children are making an amazing effort, at home, and the teachers are loving looking at the work that has been put onto Microsoft Teams.

This is only possible because of all the great work that all of you are doing at home to support your children. What you are doing is making a real difference and we want to support you in any we can.

This newsletter is all about helping you with remote education ('Home Learning'). We, therefore, have some top tips for parents from National Online Safety as well as answers to some of the most commonly-asked questions. We also have the very positive results from surveys of parental views. Best of all, we are sharing some of the wonderful work that has been completed by children over the last four weeks.

I know it's not easy for anyone at the moment, and we want to work together with you to help all the children at Thames View Junior School

Thank you for all your hard work – and stay safe!



Mrs Anthony

Our School Values



INTRODUCING...

Since my last newsletter we have welcomed some new members of staff to the Thames View Junior Team.

Miss Hawkins has joined the team as our new Learning Mentor and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mr Jacob has joined our leadership team as an Associate Deputy Headteacher. He has jumped in, feet first, and is looking forward to being able to meet all of the children when we fully reopen.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: I am having problems with my IT at home. What can I do?

A: You can telephone the IT Helpdesk on:
0203 909 2337

It is open from 8:30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Q: What do I do if my child is unable to finish all the work set by the class teacher?

A: The school has to follow the minimum requirements from the Department for Education on the amount of work set for children: this is at least four hours in Key Stage 2. We understand that it may be a challenge for the children to complete all the work on Teams in that time, and we would encourage you to send a message to your teacher if they are having a problem. Your teacher can then provide you with advice on which work it is most important for your child to complete, or help if your child is finding it hard to understand. The teachers want to support your child to do their best.

Q: Is it possible for all the work to be put on Microsoft Teams at the beginning of the day?

A: We have found that it is easier for children (and parents) to manage their time if the work is broken up into different lessons over the course of the day. We understand that this may not be the best way for every parent and, if it is causing you problems, please contact your class teacher to discuss how we can help.

Q: Can the lessons be live and not pre-recorded?

A: Although the lesson may not be on live stream such Zoom, the teacher is there to answer your questions throughout the lesson. Pre-recorded lessons also have an advantage in that that they can be looked at later in the day – for example if a parent is not available when the lesson first appears.



PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent surveys on remote education. We had over 100 responses from parents and your views help us to improve our support for your children.

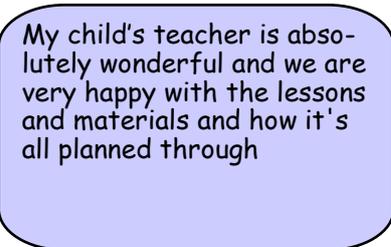
The results of the survey were very positive and most parents felt:

- On the whole, my child receives the right amount of work.
- On the whole, the level of work is about right for my child.
- Microsoft Teams is working well

Here are some of your supportive comments:



The teachers have been excellent and very patient with the children online. The school should be proud of them ,as they are an invaluable credit to this experience. Thank you. X



My child's teacher is absolutely wonderful and we are very happy with the lessons and materials and how it's all planned through



My child's teacher has been brilliant in keeping up with the children and learning together. He has engaged really well and is available at all times to offer what ever help he can. He really has made my child's home learning much easier.

RECOMMENDED READS

This month we have asked Mrs. Anthony to recommend some of her favorite books for the children to read.

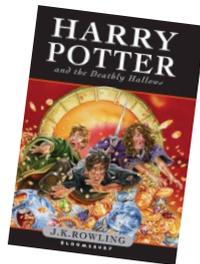
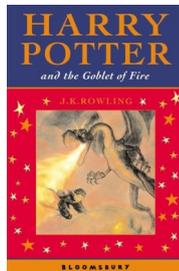


Mrs. Anthony recommends...

- Harry Potter: The Deathly Hallows
- Harry Potter: The Half Blood Prince
- Harry Potter: The Goblet of Fire



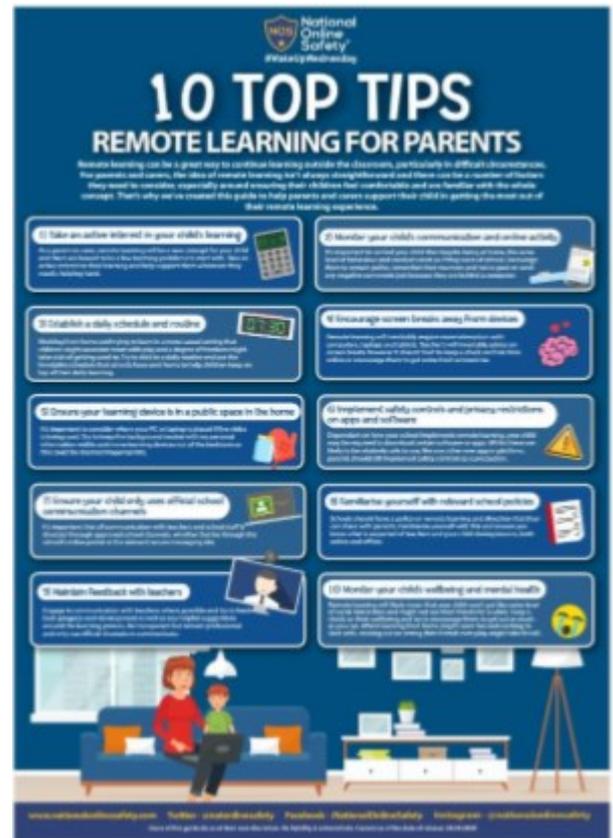
Do you notice a theme?



TOP TIPS FOR REMOTE LEARNING FOR PARENTS

These '10 Top Tips' are provided by National Online Safety.

<http://www.thamesviewjunior.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/10-top-tips-remote-learning-for-parents-1.jpg>



TASKMASTER

We have compiled some activities for the children and their families to take part in while at home, making up our Taskmaster Challenges. The children can take part in as many of them as they like! It is just something fun to do while schools are closed and we are in lock down.

Find the tasks here:

<http://www.thamesviewjunior.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Task-Master.pdf>



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is entitled to free school meals you will receive voucher code through EdenRed via email. Each voucher code is the equivalent of £15 per week.

If you think your child might be eligible for Pupil Premium go to:

<https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/financial-support-for-pupils-and-students>



COUNSELLING AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS

Low Cost Counselling for Parents £12.00 a Session

TalkSpace is happy to work in partnership with Thames View Junior School. To offer all parents a chance to access telephone or online counselling with us, if needed. Counselling is confidential: you self refer.

Here at TalkSpace we know that parent's mental emotional welfare matters. To be able to access low cost counselling, especially at difficult times is important. How we feel about ourselves is important too. Too many parents these days are living in survival mode rather than thriving mode. It takes its toll physically and mentally. Although you might not have thought that counselling could help, it will make a difference. See below how to access our services.

TalkSpace is a not for profit (CIC) local organisation (established since 2012). TalkSpace CIC is under the umbrella of The Gateway Counselling and Psychotherapy Practice, a successful counselling psychotherapy practice (established since 1997). We continually map and identify what services are needed in the community. Our aims are to raise awareness and provide much needed services for mental/emotional health.

Some of the areas we work in, this list is not exclusive:

- Self confidence, self esteem issues
- Domestic violence and perpetrators of domestic violence
- Anxiety, Depression and panic attacks
- Anger issues
- Addiction
- Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Childhood abuse
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and intrusive thoughts
- Life transitions and trauma
- Bereavement and loss
- Phobias
- BAME
- Eating Disorders
- Self Harm
- Stress and illness



Counselling is confidential.

Please email: practicemanager@talkspacecounselling.co.uk

Or telephone us on 020 8595 8806 between 11 and 7pm, Monday to Friday.

Answerphone is on at times, please leave a message and we will get back to you. We will make an appointment for you to see a counsellor.