

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Remote Learning at Pinner Wood - What you told us

Dear Families,

Thank you if you took the time to fill in our recent survey about learning at Pinner Wood during Lockdown 2021.

164 people (25% approx. of school) filled in the survey. Of these 86% are learning at home and 14% in school.

As you know, we offer:

At Home	In School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 live zooms per day led by the same teacher from your child's year group</li><li>• Daily lessons and videos on Seesaw/Tapestry</li><li>• Regular feedback and contact with our team</li><li>• 2 x live assemblies each week</li><li>• 3 x weekly live phonics for EYFS and Key Stage 1</li><li>• Intervention groups for children in Year 5 &amp; 6</li><li>• Contact with our Learning Mentor – for families that need some support</li><li>• Parent support sessions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provision for children of critical workers and children deemed as more vulnerable</li><li>• Small year group classes led by a teacher</li><li>• Planning and lessons following year group plans</li><li>• Access to live assemblies</li></ul>

#### The Survey in Headlines:

- **Thank you for your support.** For acknowledging the amount of work and organisation that has gone into providing our provision. Thank you for your 'shout outs' to our team – it means a lot.
- **Lockdown 3 is hard.** Looking at your feedback, it is clear that this lockdown is hard for many of you. Managing work and home schooling is challenging and children are feeling fed up, missing friends - and want to be back at school. As do we!
- **Most of you are pleased with our offer.** You recognise that remote learning will never be perfect and cannot and will not ever replace 'real school.' Zoom sessions are helping children to feel connected, assemblies are maintaining our sense of PW spirit and the lessons keeping the children engaged, motivated and learning.
- **Motivation is waning.** The longer this goes on, the harder it is for our children. To help, we have planned some exciting events over the next few weeks.
- **An excellent 'Small School'.** 100% of families at Small School rated this as excellent. We do need to keep numbers low, however, to provide resources to support children at home. We are trying our best to ensure equal access to opportunities.

## Feedback in Statistics

<p><b>How has lockdown been?</b></p> <p>79% say it is extremely hard, hard or ok. 21% have had a positive experience</p>	<p><b>Access to a device?</b></p> <p>97% have access Of these, 33% share a device.</p>	<p><b>Which types of devices?</b></p> <table border="1"> <caption>Data for 'Which types of devices?' chart</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Device Type</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Laptop</td> <td>65%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Desktop</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tablet</td> <td>45%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Smart phone</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other (please specify)</td> <td>5%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Device Type	Percentage	Laptop	65%	Desktop	10%	Tablet	45%	Smart phone	20%	Other (please specify)	5%
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<p><b>How do you feel about remote learning at Pinner Wood?</b></p> <p>85% rate it as good or excellent</p>	<p><b>How effective has remote learning been?</b></p> <p>66% feel it is effective for their child</p>	<p><b>Has Pinner Wood been helpful in offering resources to learn from home?</b></p> <p>97% say helpful or extremely helpful</p>												
<p><b>What have you found most effective about online learning?</b></p>	<p><b>What has your child found most challenging about online learning?</b></p> <p>41% say not being in school 27% say not being with friends</p>													

## Your suggestions and comments

There were few suggestions raised this time, which we see as positive. Questions included:

<p><b>Can the teachers phone parents?</b></p>	<p>This is planned for the week of the 1<sup>st</sup> March. You will be able to arrange a virtual meeting with a teacher. Details will be sent on Friday.</p>
<p><b>Can the Zooms be longer?</b></p>	<p>We carefully planned Zooms so that siblings who share a device can access all class Zooms. We feel that if they were longer children would lose motivation and focus.</p>
<p><b>Can teachers choose my child?</b></p>	<p>The staff are trying very hard to include all children. We are finding this is harder online than it is in a class session but you may see staff trying random selectors so that a range of children are chosen.</p>

<p><b>Is my child missing out and not making progress?</b></p>	<p>This is in the news at the moment! <b>Please do not panic!</b> Of course, there are things that we cannot replace online, such as the social aspect, but the children are learning. If they complete the learning set, they are making progress. On our return, staff will assess where they are and make the needed plans to address any gaps/take children forward.</p> <p>My opinion – try to focus on what they have gained. I have never known children so independent, self-motivated and good at IT - all skills we aim to teach at school but they have grasped quickly at home.</p>
<p><b>Can we have more feedback?</b></p>	<p>Each child receives a detailed piece of English and Maths marking each week. The comments will aim to take learning forward. The rest will be 'likes'.</p>

Thank you for your continued support as we experience a time like no other! It is our hope that after half term we will know more about how/when we will return to school.

As always, I will keep you updated as soon as we know.

Miss S Marriott

*I also wanted to share some of the many positive comments that we have received:*

*My child has had a positive experience throughout this time, she was looking forward to all the zoom calls and always had a smile on her face after seeing her teachers and her friends.*

*Thank you to the whole team for getting the children to do learning and having fun times as well on zoom.*

*I would like to thank entire PW Team for your great support at such unprecedented times. With zooms, kids were connected to their teachers and friends. :)*

*All of the Pinner Wood team for making school from home possible and help every single child work well.*

*Just a huge thank you to all the teachers for their ongoing dedication, hard work and support of the children's educational and emotional learning.*

*All staff at Pinner Wood are great and I thank them all they have always been great help for the family.*

*Everyone at Pinner Wood deserves a big thank you.*

*All the staff have been doing so well and it's really appreciated as it is a hard time for everyone. The effort and more personal approach by staff through zoom session's makes it a lot easier for my child to stay engaged.*

*He has done the best he can during lockdown, and appreciate what the teachers have done, but nothing beats being at school!*

*Pinner Wood have been brilliant! I can say that it has been extremely beneficial having a system (Seesaw) that is child friendly enough that she can access independently when necessary. The regularity of the zoom sessions has been nice for continuity. Although, we do struggle with balancing zooms morning and afternoon sessions and phonics along with actually getting work completed. But we manage. Thank you to everyone at Pinner Wood.*

*My child has settled into the routine of the daily Zoom calls and the work that has been set. The teachers have been excellent on the Zoom calls and keep him engaged. The 10-min RWI/Phonics classes are very good as they are the right length and are ability based.*

*I think every single staff member is doing a great job during this difficult time and you all deserve recognition.*