

"I am able to do all things by  
the one who strengthens me"

Philippians 4:13  
Lexham English Bible



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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: weekly update**

Thank you all for supporting your child with their remote learning. I know that every family has differing circumstances. Some of you have more than one child wanting to use a device at the same time, some have a problem with live lessons clashing with the local secondary school lessons and some are trying to juggle home learning and working full time. I appreciate that life is extremely challenging for us all at the moment. Please remember that if you have any concerns you can contact me via the school office or by email on [headteacher@saledavys.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@saledavys.derbyshire.sch.uk).

**Live Lessons**

100% of pupils working at home are accessing these lessons. Live lessons help to keep children focused on the learning for the day and they also provide an opportunity for children to see their friends and teacher, which is good for positive mental health. Children only need their exercise book or a pencil and paper for these sessions so please don't rush to print off worksheets.

**Daily Blogs**

Blogs will be set on Purple Mash by 9am each day. Griffon class will receive their blog the night before due to the earlier live lesson. Setting work daily ensures that pupils, staff and parents are not overwhelmed with tasks. Wherever possible, we want to try to replicate a school day for those pupils learning at home.

**Marking**

Teachers will aim to mark work daily, however there may be times when this is not possible due to the large volume of work pupils are producing. Thank you for your understanding with this.

**Achievement Awards**

Every Friday during our live lessons we will be awarding certificates for pupils who have worked hard at home. This will be an incredibly difficult decision for teachers to make as lots of pupils have produced some excellent work! Certificates will then be posted out to families. Children at school will continue to receive merit certificates and Pupil of the Week certificates for good work.

**House Challenges**

We will shortly be introducing House Challenges for the whole school. Children will be invited to take part in quizzes and tasks on the school website. Every entry will help to earn team points and winners will earn bonus points for their house. We will let you know when the first challenge is ready.

I know everybody is working really hard at the moment and there may be times when you feel that there is too much to get through in the day. Please do what you can with your child and don't feel under pressure to complete everything.

Kind regards

Sarah Briggs  
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