

FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER



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Thank- you for completing the remote learning survey.

We have collated your responses and can see that a significant minority of families are keen to access some live sessions.

Microsoft have been working on adding the final details to the teams resource on the ITS learning (our online learning platform) and it is ready for us to use.

We will start by hosting 2 live sessions a week and see how it goes with the children. Every class should have an invite to join a Teams session by next week. Some of the older classes will be starting this week. Please familiarise yourself with the guidance below.

Guidance for accessing Teams

YOU WILL NEED:

- Computer, laptop or tablet with access to Its Learning (logged onto your child's account)
- Headphones may be useful if you have no speaker/microphone on your device
- You may find it useful to have the Microsoft Teams app downloaded but this is not vital

HOW IT WILL WORK:

- The meeting will be announced in the virtual classroom on Its Learning
- To access the meeting, simply click on the link just before the given time
- You will be held in the 'waiting room' upon arrival in order that the teacher can take a register and allow entry into the session
- You should use your child's name so the teacher can recognise them and admit them.
- This registration process can take a while to complete and we therefore ask all participants to be in the waiting room a few minutes before the session starts
- If a child arrives 5 minutes after the start of the session it may not be possible to accept them into the session as the teacher will be leading the live session
- Depending on the number of children in the session, they may be muted at times in order that the teacher can explain what will be happening – at these times they can use the 'hands-up' feature.
- Children may also be assigned to a 'break out room' where they will be able to talk and share in smaller groups

RULES FOR LIVE SESSIONS

- Do not share the meeting link or login details with anyone outside the year group or school
- Cameras must be on at all times
- All participants must wear suitable clothing, as should anyone else in the household whilst the lesson is taking place.
- Children should not be eating during live sessions
- The session must take place in a communal living space and not a bedroom.
- Backgrounds should not be used.
- A parent or carer should be in the room at all times.
- Language must always be respectful and appropriate during sessions, including any family members that may pass in the background .
- Participants must not share any files other than relevant materials
- All other web browsers and programmes should be closed before starting the lesson
- Sessions should not be recorded by parents on any device but school may record the sessions for safeguarding reasons
- For further information about remote learning please refer to the school's website. There is a tab with further information and guidance.

Food

If your family or any other family you are aware of are in need of help with food, please contact the school and let us know.

Data Cards

We have Vodafone free data SIMs cards that are available. Please contact the office if you need one.

Congratulations

Phyllis Whitehead in year 5 so impressed the advisors she was working alongside that she was named by CENMAC as TA of the month.

Very well done

Laptops and tablets

We have been able to loan devices to 35 families. If there are any other families who are in struggling online because you do not have access to the hardware please contact us.



Please admire our very beautiful shiny floors. A positive outcome

NURSERY

If you have a child who will be nursery age in September (rising 4)

Please remember to apply for a place ASAP