

# Oakbank School



Dear Parent / Carer

29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## **Update**

During my assembly this afternoon my theme was gratitude, and in that spirit I would like to pass on my thanks and gratitude to all you for the work you are doing to support your children through this hugely challenging time. With a family of my own, I know just how relentless the challenge of working, parenting and home educating is, again thank you for all you are doing to provide you children with the best possible opportunities.

If you are finding this tough please understand that this is normal. There are lots of online resources providing support for parents as they provide home learning, but I would I would recommend this one for any of you who feel in need of just a little extra guidance: <https://www.acs-schools.com/parents-guide-distance-learning>

If you require any further guidance or support to help you through this time, please contact your child's Head of Year.

## **Remote and Live Learning**

As you know we have been increasing our provision of live learning since the beginning of this lock down and thank you to all of you who have provided feedback to help us develop our offer. We would now like to have a little more formal feedback and would ask you to complete this short survey so that we have your thoughts and ideas about our remote learning provision.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pGcNtDFve0GB0B6WvxpVXFfvQvis-TJKvZQvjuufnt9UQUtOTURDVVJJUkZKN0pBVTNWUzNJREg2NC4u>

Our priority has been to ensure that our remote education provision is well planned, gives opportunities for student learning activities, and provides feedback for students to improve and develop. This follows the guidance OFSTED have produced on remote learning and that can be found here. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/whats-working-well-in-remote-education/whats-working-well-in-remote-education>

Ofsted are clear in their guidance that Live Learning is not always the best way to educate students remotely (See Point 6 in the document above). The priority is the well planned lesson and opportunity for feedback; live learning enhances this provision but is not always the most effective or appropriate option in all cases. With this in mind we will not be planning to move to 100% live lessons but we are committed to raising the proportion of live lessons and ensuring that when it is the best way to teach a class it is used.

## **Finally**

Once again, thank you for all you are doing to support your child's learning, they couldn't do it without you!

Kind regards

Robin Bertrand