



Fleet Primary School

Fleet Road Hampstead London NW3 2QT

Tel: 020 7485 2028

E-mail: admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk

Headteacher: Don McGibbon



Parent / Carer update - 19th January

19th January 2021

Dear parent and carers,

This week Year 5 and Year 6 have moved over entirely to using an App/website called 'Seesaw' for distributing and receiving work from their children. This removes the need to use the website and for children/parents to email work to the office. Initial indications are that this is a much quicker and effective way for children and teachers to communicate on the learning and offer feedback and assessment.

This week Year 4 will be introducing it to their class on Wednesday before they move over to using it for their learning from next week.

We will be trying it out with the younger children too and for this reason the other class teachers will be receiving training this week on how to set it up and use it. This training is scheduled to take place on Thursday morning.

Also happening this week is the government CENSUS returns that take place every January. This is a laborious but essential administration job the office have to do every year – made all the more complicated this year by the current situation around school closures and lockdown. For this reason we may be a little slower than usual in responding to any emails that are sent in on Thursday. The office will be busy with the CENSUS and teachers from Nursery – Year 3 will be in their training. Please bear with us and as soon as people can get to any messages or work sent in they will. I'd like to thank you in advance for your patience.

I'd also like to thank you for the feedback you give to the staff when they call to speak with you and the children. The support staff and teachers are in regular contact to pass on messages and comments and I meet regularly (mostly virtually!) with staff to discuss how things are going and to evaluate the different approaches we are taking in terms of moving forward. If you do have any comments or feedback please do remember to pass on to the staff when they call – things that are working for you and your children and things that you might be finding tricky or aren't working well. While it is impossible to ensure that what we do will fit exactly the 162 different family contexts and expectations we have at Fleet, we are, and will continue, to do our best, adjusting where we think we need to based on our experience and you and your children's feedback.

Over the last 2 weeks we have been giving out iPads and laptops where families have told us they have a need. If you have not already asked for one, or you've asked and haven't been given one, please do chase us! Devices are limited but we will do everything we can to ensure you have what you need to access and complete the learning from home. If you have issues with internet access, data caps etc., or have a device but it's shared between a number of siblings, please let us know that as well – we may be able to help.

Finally, I want to draw your attention to some pages on the school website in case you haven't seen them:

- Mental Health & Wellbeing: <https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/parents/mental-health-and-wellbeing>
- 2 x Weekly Assemblies: <https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/parents/home-learning-for-school-closure-january-2021/home-learning-assemblies>
- Story Video by teachers: <https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/parents/home-learning-for-school-closure-january-2021/home-learning-story-time-at-fleet>
- Sustrans Outside-In Campaign - sign-up for free resources to support families at home with healthy and entertaining activities during lockdown: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/outside-in>

Wishing you our very best wishes,



Don McGibbon
Head Teacher