

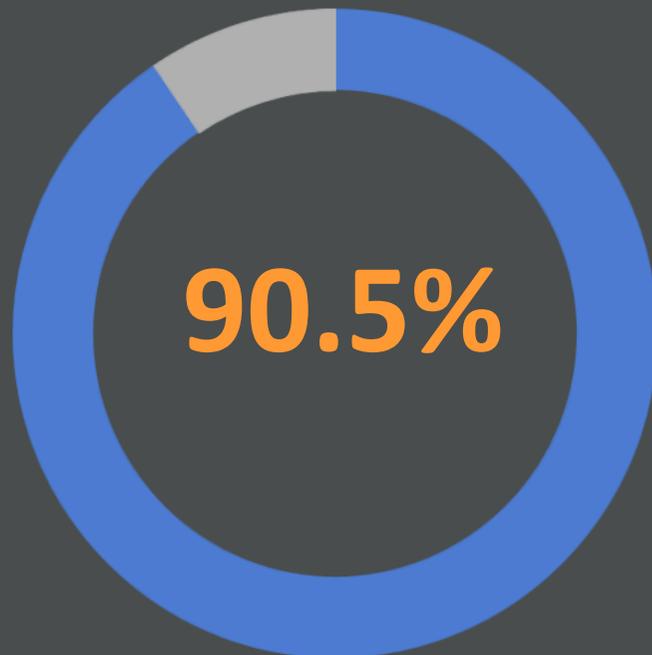


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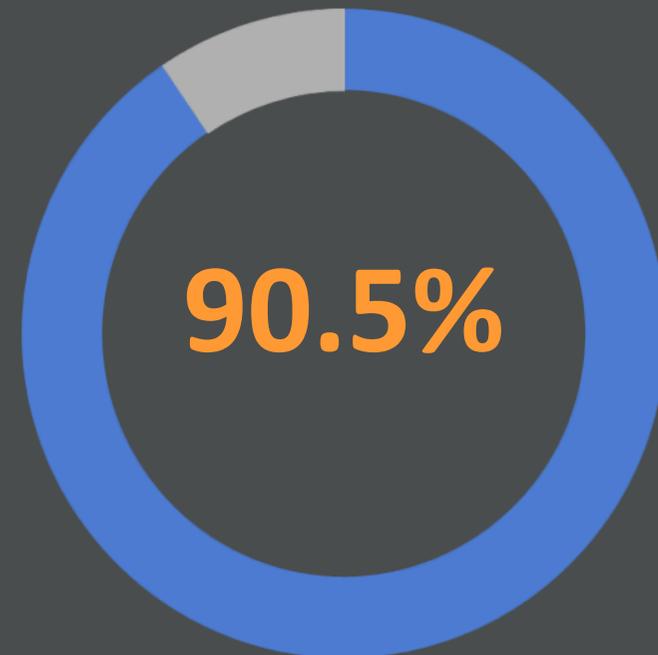
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Parent Voice

Learners know how to keep safe
online



Learners return the work they have
completed



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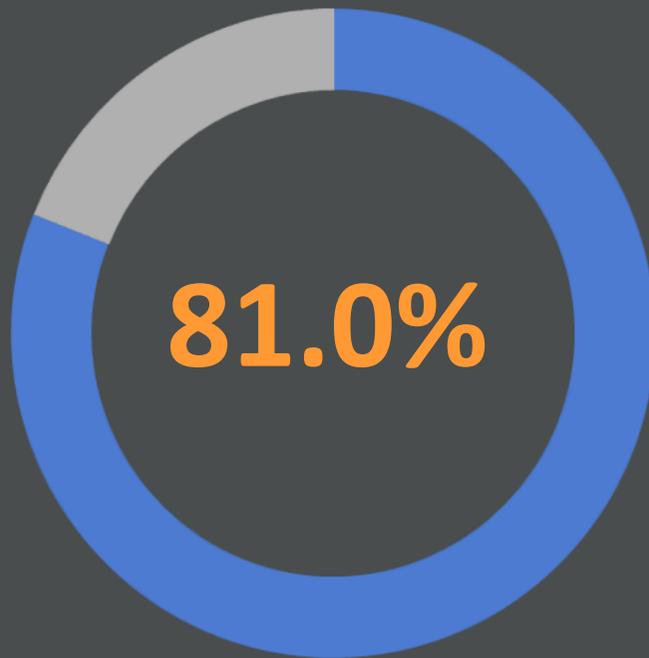


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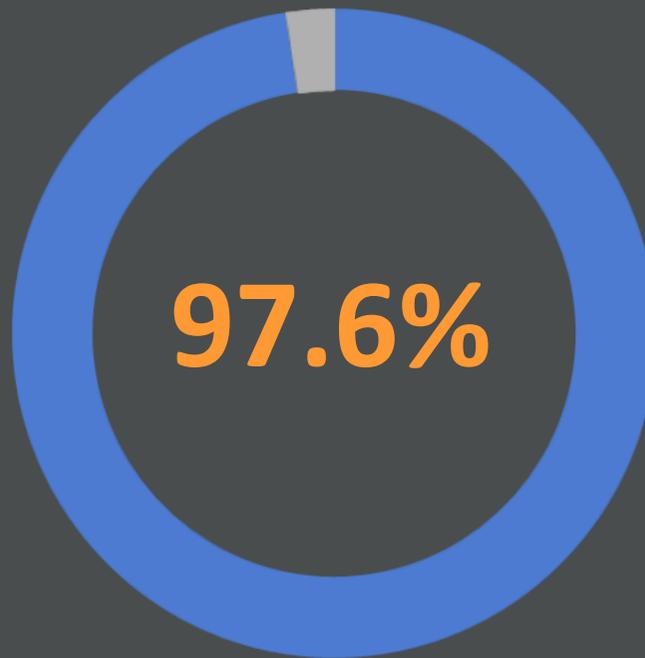
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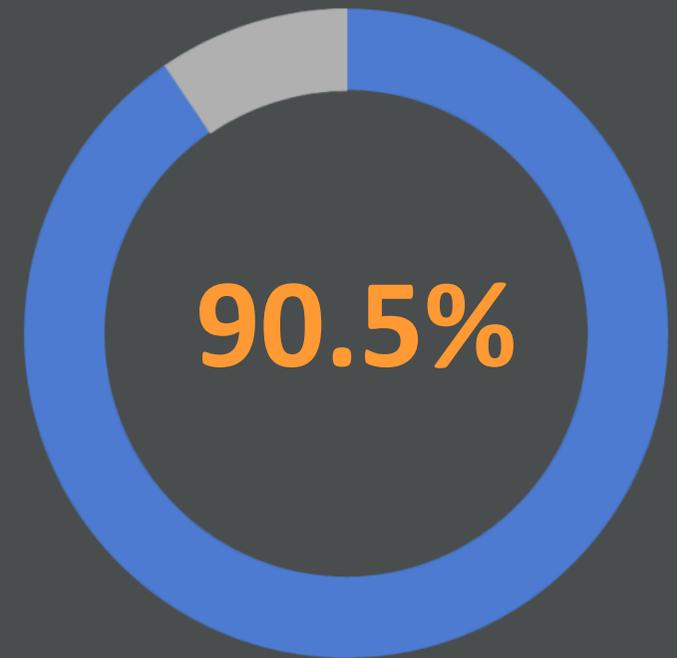
Learners know how to complete the school work the teachers are setting



Learners can access work from home



Learners know where to get help if they don't understand the work



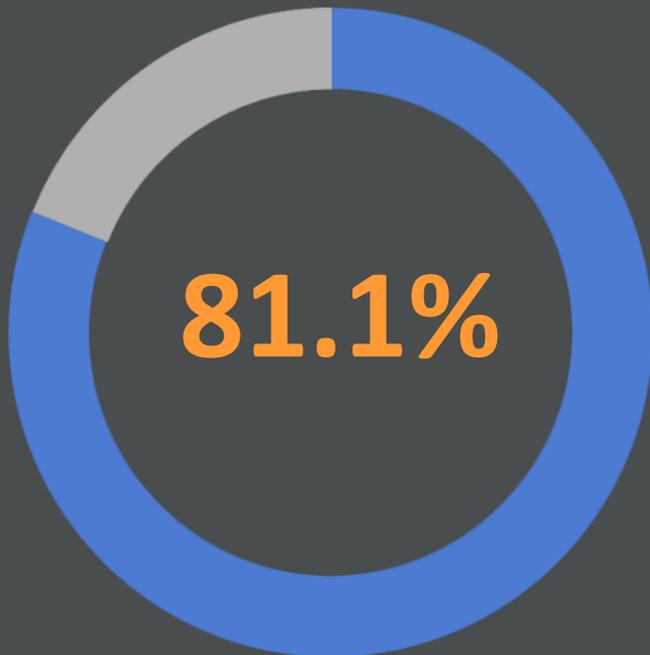
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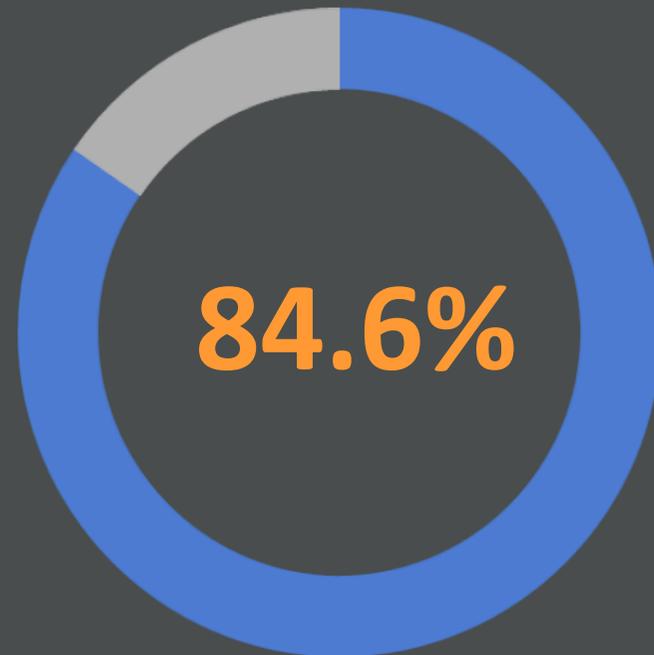
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Parent Voice

Learners receive feedback for the work they have submitted



The breakroom supports the learners wellbeing



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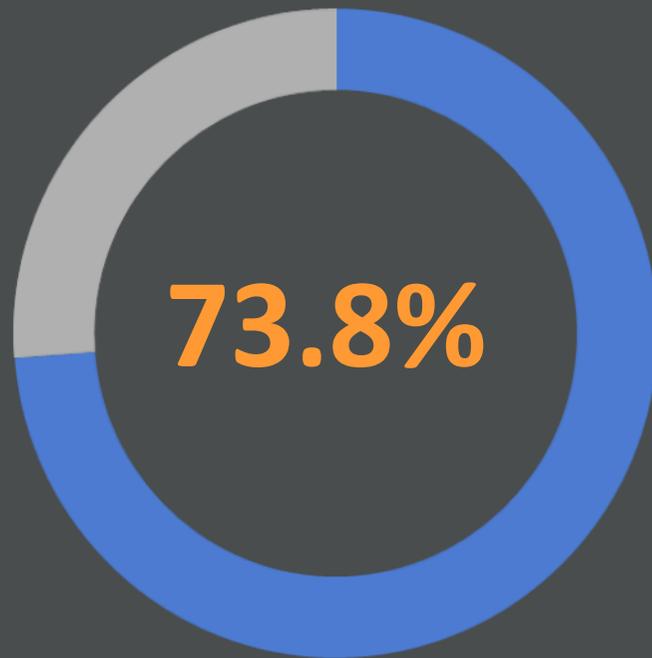


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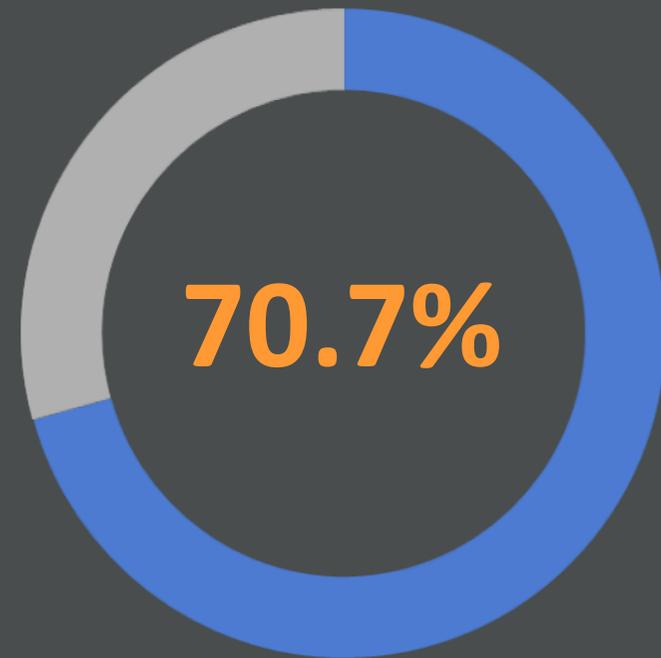
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Parent Voice

Learners can keep up with the amount of school work they have to complete



Do you feel Oakfield School Home Learning has had a positive impact on your child?



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Parent Voice

You said



We did



Learners have differing needs of support and not all learners can use technology.

All learners allocated technology and have access to home learning. All learning needs catered for and home learning packs provided. Pastoral support and OT support provided to help with home learning

Parents don't feel confident in using technology.

We have tailored our virtual parent group in response to the parental feedback. The engagement sessions have increased to three times a week. One session is solely focused on using Microsoft Teams for home learning. How to guides and videos for using the technology are on the school website.

Parents would like to know who to contact regarding home learning problems.

Parents have a home learning tab on the website with who to contact if they need technical help. Pastoral managers can be contacted throughout the day.

Individual learners have a low level of challenge.

Quality of work monitored by the senior leadership team. Progress meetings held with the heads of departments with targeting questioning on home learning.

Getting feedback could perhaps be a little better.

Full marking policy adhere to using Assignments on TEAMS. Learners will receive feedback when work is complete. Learners recognise where they are up to in learning journey.

Parents feel there is not much freedom during the day.

Learners given a reduced timetable to allow for flexible working. Passports tasks allow for Asynchronous learning which does not require real-time interaction; instead, content is available online for learners to access when it best.

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Parent Voice

You said



We did



The requirements of independent learning.

Learner guides and videos for home learning are available on the school website. Passport guide provided for parents with a breakdown of expectations for independent learning.

Difficulty with trying to find a routine.

Learners have a timetabled schedule for the day to follow. We have introduced break times for social interaction during home learning. OT tips are available on the website with a well being section dedicated to providing a routine at home.

Being able to speak with the teachers, it helps learners stay focused.

Learners keeping to a routine and set times but having independent learning in the afternoon.

Good interaction with staff and learners.

Learners like being able to stay in touch with school and commit to a routine.

Learners felt motivated by staff.

Learners are not too overwhelmed with too much work, three lessons a day is a great amount.

Having a constant routine of the day.

Huge variety of learning tools and ideas to try at home , lovely for children to see their teachers /assistants and not to lose that contact with them.

Keep doing a Brilliant job at being the amazing teachers and support staff you are.

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Parent Voice

What is working well with Home Learning?

- It's the only safe option currently and the work is always on teams in advance.
- Being online with teachers.
- He engages.
- Online seems to be working fine.
- Nothing, my son needs to be in a school environment to enable him to learn properly.
- It's good to be able to see your child's progress.
- A is loving be at home and doing her school work.
- Staff being available to start the lesson.
- The Teams system seems to be quite effective now.
- Plenty of work. Not just filler activities. Teachers trying to find inventive ways to help when children get stuck.
- Our child really concentrates on the subjects that they will need for when they go to college.
- My child being able to see other children and teacher's.
- That D is more centred and relaxed in home setting. I know how to explain things in more detail.
- From our experience the best part is the teachers organisation, morale, support and encouragement for the children.
- Seeing everyone on the laptop screen.
- Concentration.
- The interaction between teachers and friends.
- The engagement by the teachers with the pupils.
- Consistency of teaching and being online at the right times.
- Keeping to daily lessons as they would have had if been in school.
- Live lessons and buying a desk and chair so it feels like school not home.
- Live lessons

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Parent Voice

What is working well with Home Learning?

Being able to speak with the teachers, it helps him stay focused.

That my child feels safe at home

Keeping to a routine and set times but independent learning in the afternoon. Having no distractions has helped one of my children to focus and not having any stresses from the school environment, he has been happier.

Good interaction, needs to be all day long. Good because an education routine is important.

Being able to stay in touch with school and commit to a routine.

Motivated.

Food tech and science.

Video Calls.

Its great that the children are not too overwhelmed with too much work 3 lessons a day is a great amount.

The routine of the day.

Huge variety of learning tools and ideas to try at home , lovely for children to see their teachers /assistants , and not to lose that contact with them .

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Parent Voice

What has been difficult with home learning?

Some things not being handed in correctly twice this week this has happened.

Waiting for work to arrive.

Encouraging our child to do their work.

Getting him motivated to do anything.

For my child, the teacher talks too quick, and he can't process what's been asked of him, he has put his hand up a few times, but it's not been noticed, then after they leave to do the work, I ask him did you understand what was asked of you, and he said no. So then I'm trying to help him and he gets so frustrated and angry.

The contrary nature of our child.

Getting feedback to parents/carers could perhaps be a little better.

New tasks given before old tasks complete. At times the passport work running alongside the main work got overwhelming. Learning the technology. Too much screen time - can lead to headaches. At times there have been lessons posted with more than 1 hour's worth of work and expected to be done in the same timescale.

Getting our child to do more.

Keeping the internet connection.

The length of each lesson and I have to sit there for full 50 mins to keep him on task also the fact that I'm useless with technology and I can then stress him more as he gets worried if things aren't going to plan.

Trying to keep us all motivated to do it. Lockdown is not good.

Some work being too hard especially the lessons where reading is concerned and finding out some friends have gone back into school.

The change of time from 11 am to 1 pm.

Engagement, Attention and Sibling Distraction.

I can't fault it at all, nothing has been difficult for us as a family as we were more prepared this time.

Getting my son to join live lessons.

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Parent Voice

What has been difficult with Home Learning?

Remembering to break for lunch and get out for a walk.

Low level of challenge.

Technical difficulties when our internet is down or when he isn't able to type in the text boxes for his lessons.

Not being able to communicate with teachers directly when issues have arisen and my child can't express communication with them. Too high expectations on learning without support of a teacher/assistant. Technology doesn't always work and lags happen with our internet which I don't think the teacher realises causes problems with microphone lags and the time my child can respond to questions asked and to access work in real time. There has been no consistency with school and home learning (some school learners have earned badges) and there is too much pressure on them to earn lots of awards by doing extra work. Maybe school could trust that parents are doing child led learning/alternative curriculum at home and recognise that because they aren't showing off their work all the time they are working hard and achieving just not showing it.

Trying to work as well as home school. Internet issues. Not the right support at hand for students with special educational needs.

My child understanding the requirements of independent learning, supporting my child to stay online whilst working at the same time, understanding what level of work would be expected if he was in school.

Keeping him at it.

Only the language.

It's hard to juggle when both parents are working in key worker roles but having the opportunity for our children to go into school on our working days has been a great help.

Not having any freedom at all during the day.

I've found it a little difficult with trying to find a routine, but some of this is down to having twins and other family commitments that are also ongoing for example helping parents who are disabled and not able to go out also the work we have done I've found a little confusing in sending across but that's down to me not being able to meet the zoom meetings when they have been available regarding online learning, I also struggle with technology but that's not to say plenty of help isn't available

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Parent Voice

What top tips would you give other parents?

Don't stress.

Let the children work to their levels and advise where need to .

Keep with it when it works it's good.

Support your child.

Just try your best.

Listen in on the lesson, then you can repeat anything they may have missed , when doing the assignment.

Give them time.

Get as much support with the subjects as you can.

Use the zoom system with Mrs Whittaker, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Always encourage your child.

Don't put too much pressure on you or child we're parents not teachers as I keep reiterating to D when he says I'm a rubbish teacher.

Let your child lead. Offer encouragement but don't be too pushy in getting the kids to work. No one's life needs any extra pressures or stress right now. A Happy safe child is what's best.

Sit across from your child so you can listen to what is being taught so that after the teacher goes off the camera and you look at the assignment you get the gist of it, as sometimes the children don't listen or their mind wanders. Also contact the teacher if you are struggling they will stay online and will probably go through the lesson again with your child 1 to 1.

Go with the flow if your child does not want to engage just leave it try again tomorrow your family connection is too valuable to be compromised by pressure

Make sure you keep your child in a normal routine by getting up and getting ready for online learning ,just like you would on a normal school day .

Keeping in a routine is key .

Make sure your child is aware of what subjects they are studying ,make a study timetable chart so they no what lesson is at what time .

Remember to have fun mental health is most important and also learning isn't all academic life skills are things that can't be taught in class if you need a pj day have one guilt free!!

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What top tips would you give other parents?

Get up early and stick to a routine that's keeps your child keen to learn, don't helicopter about till they absolutely ask you for help.

Sit with your child to help as much as you can if possible.

Print off work in advance as it lags when the lessons running. Come up with alternatives. We have done handwriting practice and reading in the afternoons instead of passport as it would have been too much pressure on us to do a full day with two children and our other commitments.

The importance of being responsible to make sure their kids log on and engage in their online learning every day. Important for them to see and engage with their peers too.

Have a practice with the computer packages to support online meetings.

Persevere.

No tips.

Do what you can when you can its a hard and challenging time for everyone try not to feel to overwhelmed and stressed with trying to complete everything all at once... Take breaks take time out.

Try to make lessons fun to keep the children engaged in their school work.

Getting organised by communicating with your learner about the daily tasks. Making sure they understand why we are in lockdown so that the anxiety of the situation is in control.

Just to take a day at a time , we have used many ideas and mixed them with our own ideas and had lots of fun , some days extremely difficult to get the boys to focus but the next day can be completely different , I haven't felt any pressure from school just support to do what we can.

Don't push kids. Things are hard enough on them right now.

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What top tips would you give teachers?

You are already doing a fantastic job

Deep breaths..... Work on your own mental health.. Listen to parents

Remember to reward yourself and take a minute for yourselves too! Thankyou!

My child likes that you take an interest in them and ask what they have been up to. Sometimes the lessons are hard to follow especially those with a lot of reading, this makes my child switch off . But the kahoot quiz are big hits.

To be patient with families.

Dont be hard on yourselves.... you have this in the bag.... your doing absolutly amazing.

Just make sure you check your emails as sometimes students email with a problem and they start to worry that they are going to get into trouble as they can't access something or they can't do the assignment properly for some reason. .

Not sure.

Remember even on your hardest day the kids and parents need you what you're all doing is amazing we couldn't get through this without your support so keep smiling keep motivating but don't forget yo look after yourself xx

More live lessons.

None because overall they've done a good job despite the current circumstances and we're thankful he still continues to learn every day.

Think it would be good for the teacher to pull a pack/workbook together for the term to try and establish a learning package which does not solely rely on virtual & parent/carer to ensure that the required educational level is being adhered to, I don't feel that as a parent I am pushing my child or feel that they are developing any new skills or knowledge, although I appreciate wellbeing is being supported fantastically. I think hands on work still needs to be supported to help stay on the task. Thank you for the hard work that the school are doing and I really don't envy this massive task to support all levels of learning in this way.

Stay on for the full lesson. Mark work and feedback answers. Work is being submitted without any feedback. Would like to see proper teaching instead of expecting par-ents to help.

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What top tips would you give teachers?

The kids need you online all the time, to ask for help and not feel left to it.

To check in with parents to ask if everything is running smoothly and to not rush to blame the child if something goes wrong (ie they are late) as there many factors at home which may affect how they can log on and access learning. To make sure that each child actually understands the work, as they may not want to admit to it in a live lesson, so maybe a time allotted later in the day to check in with both parent and child?

Teach and support vulnerable learners normal school hours.

You are doing a fab job.

No tips.

Keep doing a Brilliant job at being the Amazing teachers and support staff you are... And thankyou for all your help and support when its needed the most for both parents and our children.

It's very much appreciated .☐

Be patient.

I don't think I have any tips to give teachers they do an amazing job with the home learning.

Don't kick kids out of lessons for being too loud or fidgety. Some kids can't help it. It's unfair

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