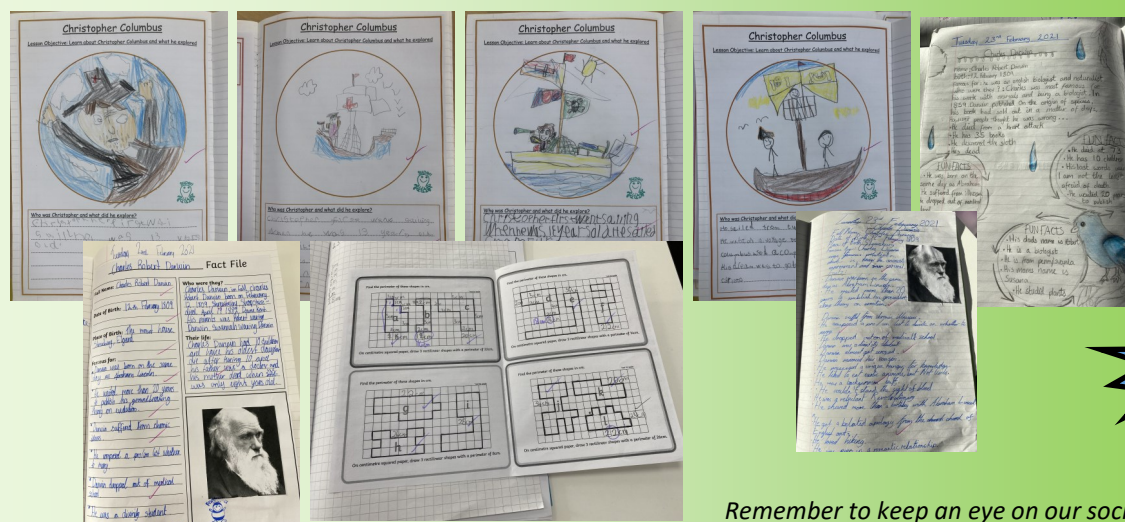


Dear all,

Welcome back to the last half of the Spring term. We hope the children had a lovely holiday and managed to recharge their batteries ready for the coming weeks of exciting learning. Hopefully you managed to see the letter we sent out earlier this week regarding the wider re-opening of school. **Ebor Gardens will be opening the gates to ALL children on Monday 8th March 2021**—we cannot wait to see everyone back! When you all return, we will operate as we did before the lockdown. This means that school gates will open on a morning at 8:30am until 8:55am and again at 2:30pm until 3:10pm for pick up. We will still be closing at 12:50 on a Friday for the remainder of this half-term, when we will review it again. This gives the teachers the time they are required to have (from the government) to plan and prepare for teaching and learning.

We are confident that our existing measures and controls are robust and will continue to protect children and their families, in our community, from Coronavirus. If we do have any cases of the virus in school, please be aware that bubbles will still have to close for a period of self-isolation according to the government guidance. The letter sent earlier this week also included a list of frequently asked questions that may help you with any queries around our re-opening. Again, thank you for your continued support in these unprecedented times. Have a nice weekend.

### Ebor Gardens Photo Gallery—(just a glimpse at the learning in school and online)



Remember to keep an eye on our social media pages!



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## Google Classroom

Lots of the learning provided is still being hosted on Google Classroom. If you are currently isolating or in a lockdown situation, please ensure you contact your teacher if you are unable to log on.

We will update you with our plans for the Google Classroom as the children are ready to return on 8th March.



## Online Safety Advice

There is still lots of advice and top tips for keeping safe on the internet and while taking part in Online Learning. Please go to our website and find the page on the 'Parents and Carers' drop down menu.

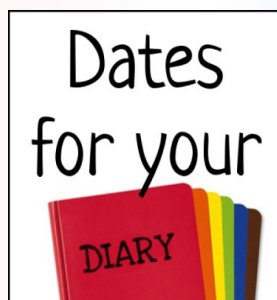
You could also follow this link:

<https://eborgardensprimary.co.uk/online-safety-advice-for-parents/>



## COVID-19

We would like to remind all parents/carers that all adults are asked to wear a mask when entering the school site—this includes areas where you may be waiting to collect your children. This is for everyone's safety and is playing a key part in keeping the spread of the virus as low as possible in our school community.



## INSET Dates

26th July 2021

27th July 2021

School closes for Summer on Friday 23rd July



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# REMOTE EDUCATION 10 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

Remote education ensures continuous learning outside the classroom. For parents and carers, remote education isn't always straightforward and there can be a number of factors they need to consider, especially around ensuring their children feel comfortable and are familiar with the whole concept. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers support their child in getting the most out of their remote education experience.

## 1. TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

As a parent or carer, your school may have explained how remote education works already, but children may still need help. Take an active interest in their learning and help support them whenever they need a helping hand.



## 2. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION AND ONLINE ACTIVITY

It's important to remind your child that despite being at home, the same level of behaviour and conduct exists as if they were at school. Encourage them to remain polite, remember their manners and not to post or send any negative comments just because they are behind a computer.



## 3. ESTABLISH A DAILY SCHEDULE AND ROUTINE

Working from home and trying to learn in a more casual setting that children might associate more with play and a degree of freedom might take a bit of getting used to. Try to stick to a daily routine and use the timetable/schedule that schools have sent home to help children keep on top of their daily learning.



## 4. ENCOURAGE SCREEN BREAKS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AWAY FROM DEVICES

Remote learning will inevitably require more interaction with computers, laptops and tablets. Teachers will invariably advise on screen breaks; however, it doesn't hurt to keep a check on their time online or encourage them to get some fresh air/exercise.



## 5. ENSURE YOUR LEARNING DEVICE IS IN PUBLIC SPACE IN THE HOME

It's important to consider where your PC or laptop is placed if live video is being used. Try to keep the background neutral, with no personal information visible and move learning devices out of the bedroom as this could be deemed inappropriate.



## 6. IMPLEMENT SAFETY CONTROLS AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS ON APPS AND SOFTWARE

Dependant on how your school implements remote education, your child may be required to download certain software or apps. Whilst these are likely to be relatively safe to use, like any other new app or platform, parents should still implement safety controls as a precaution.



## 7. ENSURE YOUR CHILD ONLY USES OFFICIAL SCHOOL COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

It's important that all communication with teachers and school staff is directed through approved school channels, whether that be through the school's online portal or the relevant secure messaging site.



## 8. FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH RELEVANT SCHOOL POLICIES

Schools should have a policy on remote education that they can share with parents. Familiarise yourself with this and ensure you know what is expected of teachers and your child during lessons, both online and offline.



## 9. MAINTAIN FEEDBACK WITH TEACHERS

Engage in communication with teachers where possible, and try to feed back progress and development as well as any helpful suggestions around the learning process. Be transparent but remain professional and only use official channels to communicate.



## 10. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Remote education will likely mean that your child won't get the same level of social interaction and might not see their friends for a while. Keep a check on their wellbeing and try to encourage them to get out as much as they can. Whilst learning from home might seem fun and exciting to start with, missing out on seeing their friends every day might take its toll.



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