

29th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 5,

I hope this finds you safe and well. Firstly, I would like to say how proud I am of Year 5s work ethic over the last few weeks. They should be very proud of everything they are doing.

Now both staff and pupils have found a natural rhythm with remote learning and having listened to feedback we are delighted to be able to extend our 'Live' teaching to 2 calls a day. This will enable Miss Ngonyama to focus on different areas of the curriculum in more detail and explain work and give clear modelling to the children for a longer period of time.

Calls for Year 5 will take place at the following times from Monday 1st February

	First Daily Call	Second Daily Call
Monday	9.30 – 9.55am	1 – 1.30pm
Tuesday	9.30 – 9.55am	1 – 1.30pm
Wednesday	9.30 – 9.55am	1 – 1.30pm
Thursday	9.30 – 9.55am	1 – 1.30pm
Friday	9.30 – 9.55am	

As always, we understand that not all children will be able to attend all Live calls. We also understand that more Live calls won't suit all families and children's contexts. Please just let the class teachers know if this is the case. As always you will know what is best for your child however we hope by extending our offer it will help support the children more at home.

You will notice that on a Friday there will continue to only be one call. This is to allow staff time to plan for the following week.

We have worked hard to ensure that in most cases calls don't clash with siblings. We believe we have managed to be able to do this, but at any time if this is not the case we apologise. I'm sure you can understand the logistics of organising calls across many classrooms!

I have also reattached our Home school Teams agreement. Please do make sure you are familiar with this.

If at any time, as a parent, you need to get in touch with a class teacher could I urge you to use the private channels. Staff will always try to answer as soon as they can but this may not always be immediately. Please understand that staff are now working around increased calls, working alongside our critical worker children, planning and marking in challenging circumstances.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Ngonyama, Mrs Young and Mrs Smith for all their hard work with Year 5 and I know you would echo this thanks.

Please do have a pleasant weekend.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Smith', written in a cursive style.

Mrs G Smith
Head Teacher