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Dear Parents,

Assalamu alaikum

I hope you and your families are well and in a high state Eemaan, in shaa Allah. I am writing to update you about our on-line provision and how we are regularly evaluating and improving it. As it seems that remote learning is becoming the 'new norm', I hope that you are more settled now with our current on-line provision.

I have outlined below a number of new elements to the online platform that in sha Allah we will be introducing over the next few weeks.

Online Headteacher Videos – We will be releasing weekly assembly videos that will have a central theme linked to Islam, character building, well-being or growth mindset. We recommend that you keep the profile of the weekly focus high within your homes, referring to it during your day to day lives as a gentle reminder for everyone.

Computer focus/Internet Safety Day- Currently, as part of our computing curriculum, we use a scheme called Kapow. Our teachers will be raising the profile of computer skills by having a week dedicated to it, as well as learning about being safe on the Internet. This will take place on the week commencing 8th February 2021.

Star of Week – We will be choosing children during the week who have worked hard on-line, as well as children who submit work daily. A video will be sent out to the school community, where we will share who these shining stars are and for what reason they have been awarded star of the week for their class.

Learning Surgeries - We are also trialling a system in Year 3 and 4 currently and, if it is successful, this may be implemented in year 3 to 6. A learning surgery is a dedicated session for children to attend if they need advice about a piece of work. They can ask questions about the work set that day. These will be 20 min daily sessions conducted at a set time.

Monitoring online engagement - Since the beginning of lockdown we have been receiving a number of detailed guidance from the DfE regarding monitoring the engagement of children online. Schools have been told that inspections will take place remotely. The areas that will be inspected are the following:

- Safeguarding
- Quality of Education Provision online
- Systems for Monitoring children submitting and engaging on line

In light of this, Date Valley has introduced a system of monitoring engagement, which will commence from 25th January 2021. Each teacher will be logging what work is submitted per children on a daily basis. At the end of the week this is then be analysed and will highlight the children whom we should be concerned about. As a school we have the duty of care to ensure children are being educated and monitored. As a follow up, you will receive further communication if your child falls below the threshold of satisfactory engagement.

'At Date Valley we are respectful, reflective and resilient learners'

This will be monitored via the Inspectorate, so as a school we would appreciate your cooperation in understanding the importance of this.

In sha Allah I hope the above information has been useful. If you have any queries or need ideas to assist you at home with online learning, please do contact myself via the Headteacher email - headteacher@dvst.org.uk.

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