



## Home Technology Survey

Dear Parents

Lockdown and home education has been a real challenge for some families. As a school we used materials provided by the government via the Oak Academy and other well-known providers, we had some positive feedback about these. We realise however that people will have had very different experiences of home learning. We hope that we won't have to go back into a lock down position again but until there is a vaccine there will always be the possibility of individuals or 'bubbles' having to isolate for up to 14 days. In the meantime, schools have been asked to plan for such an eventuality.

We are limited by our school technology which is not always reliable and staff skills in producing on line content. We are investing in new computers for staff and pupil usage, but to be honest, we simply don't have the money to purchase everything we would want in an ideal world. We are working to improve broadband connectivity which is often too slow to allow for content to run reliably. We have invested in new wireless routers to improve our school wide network at Martin, Walcott will have the same installed in the next week or so.

If we do need to provide home learning again, we would like to be able to offer children group meetings with teachers using Microsoft Teams (Like Zoom) and lesson instructions filmed by staff. We have bought an annual license for 'Mathletics' at each site and children will be set homework using this in the coming weeks. This will be one of the tools we use to support future home learning.

Before we do any more planning we would like to find out how families can best access media content. Please complete the following survey and return to school by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely

A Sewell

Pupil name (optional)\_\_\_\_\_

Year R 1 2 3 4 5 6 (please circle)

Please tick which technology your child has access to for home working:

- We have no internet connection
- Internet access
- smart phone able to download apps
- laptop with internet access
- PC with internet access
- Tablet / ipad or similar
- Microsoft Word
- ability to print materials from websites
- Parental controls on devices used by children