

Parental views on Remote Learning:

Spring 2021

We were pleased that parents were able to feedback their views on our remote provision during this current school closure. Many thanks to all parents who completed the survey.

We have been able to implement a number of changes as a result including:

- A reduction of 10 mins between lessons – to enable a rest from the screen and for students to move around
- A review of the type and amount of homework set – to reduce screen time
- An instruction that cameras should be switched on (unless specific reasons not to) – this is to increase the quality of engagement and wellbeing of staff and students
- We have suggested a further morning is used for form time – to enable tutors to have a 1-2-1 catch up with students
- The reduction of lesson time has increased the lunchtime to 40 mins – to give a proper break and time to get food.

We value your views and feedback as we want to continually make improvements and changes if possible in order to support the students through this period.

Thank you, too, for the words of encouragement and support that we have received alongside suggestions. It makes a tremendous difference to receive them, it is much appreciated by us all.

Some of the comments are included below and have been shared with staff.

Scilla Yates

Positive Feedback

"I think you are doing a fantastic job and am really pleased with everything you have provided"

"The remote learning provision at Bluecoat is excellent.."

"We appreciate all the work and effort the teaching staff are putting into the remote learning and the communication from school has been excellent...."

"Thank you, it's been brilliant. As a parent I am so grateful that everyone is making this challenging experience bearable"

"I would like to thank everyone for the really hard work that is going in to making this work. It is really appreciated....."

"Remote learning is a poor substitute for the dynamics of a live classroom. I am happy that you are doing everything possible to deal with this difficult situation!"

"This lockdown I am extremely happy with the remote learning, thank you all for trying so hard. It really shows"

"Very impressed with provision, well done Bluecoat teachers & staff..."

... "I feel the school has coped very well to continue to provide online learning provisions for the students, given such short notice and forever changing advice from the government. Thank you"

"I feel the live lessons are amazing and the children are well supported...."

"It is a big improvement from the first lockdown so I'm happy with that..."

"...we also appreciate that work is being submitted and marked; the direct feedback is much appreciated"