

# Charlestown Community Primary School

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Dear parents and carers

## **Home learning**

I hope you are safe and well.

We have been busy reviewing our home learning and school sessions over the last week and wish to make some small changes starting next week. We will also be sending out a short questionnaire to this afternoon to take your child's views on this new way of learning – please encourage your child to complete it. If you as a parent have any comments, please use the box at the bottom of the questionnaire and make it clear that this is your comment and not your child – that way we can listen to you and your child together.

One of our big concerns is the amount of time children are spending on screens. Therefore, we are going to make some changes next week that we hope you will agree are in your child's interests. They are as follows:

- Wednesday afternoons will be dedicated to physical education and the outdoors – encouraging you to take your children out for a walk in your local area or completing exercise challenges.
- Friday afternoons will be Charlie's Challenge sessions! A whole school task will be set for the afternoon and we will then encourage you to upload photos/videos of your achievements, which will then be shared on social media/our website each Monday. The challenges will be varied – from creating a model from items such as cereal boxes, to learning a song or dance or a piece of art that requires very little resources.
- We are also going to put a deadline on work being uploaded to seesaw in the afternoons. This will be 3.30pm. If work is submitted after that time, it may not be marked. This is to ensure teachers have time to plan for the next day's activities.

Please do encourage your children to spend as much time as possible off screens – we as teachers are struggling with headaches and other physical conditions as a result of this new way of learning, so your children will be too. It is also really important that they get outside where possible, so please make safe use of the local parks if you can.

I look forward to reading yours and your child's responses on the questionnaire.

Yours sincerely

Allison Collis  
Headteacher