

Q11 Please provide your feedback on how remote online learning and the daily timetable is working for you and your children and what suggestions do you have for what the school could do differently to improve the online learning experience?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A working zoom for one upload.	8/16/2021 12:14 AM
2	All of the teachers are doing a fantastic job having shifted, again at short notice, to teaching in an online world. As parents, we really do appreciate all of the hard work you are doing behind the scenes to make this work for the children. Re suggestions, as part of the morning zooms, it would be good to confirm the expectations of what the children need to do as part of their tasks (, such as 'at least one page of writing' or 'each answer should be at least one paragraph long'. While the morning zooms are an opportunity for the students to engage with the teacher / other kids, it would be good if a little more time could be used to go through the tasks of the day and expectations, as sometimes this is rushed within the last 5 mins of the zoom. Overall, our children are engaged with their learning, but just can't wait to return to school to be with their teachers and class mates (& play on the playground).	8/15/2021 8:38 PM
3	I'd prefer if work was marked towards the end of the day or even if it was marked for the previous day. I'm often busy in the mornings so I can't assist my child until later, and if I upload work later it doesn't get seen, or teachers don't give feedback. I'd also like there to be a few more contact hours over Zoom, but I understand if this is difficult. Perhaps an additional half an hour session towards the later end of the day (2/3pm) would be nice.	8/15/2021 3:46 AM
4	continue with what you are doing and just give parents the Wed to upload a past activity that they may have note been able to complete.	8/14/2021 1:23 PM
5	So far the level of work suits our family. The children are engaged and enjoy their zoom sessions. We can usually finish school by lunchtime, which suits us well. I feel the level of work given and expectations for completion are more than enough given we are both working. There is however a reliance being able to print, which has been difficult without a working printer, and the lack of resources (unlike last year) has made some tasks difficult. Understandably, you wouldn't got to the effort of printing or passing out a large number of resources for a one week lockdown, but when we have extensions, it would be very appreciated to be able to access these kinds of resources. Overall, it has been positive for us.	8/14/2021 12:00 PM
6	the children are relying on devices more and more and it's sad to see that it's harder to remove them from a screen after online learning. Children need hands on tasks and less onscreen time. Thank you to all the teachers for their efforts.	8/13/2021 10:23 PM
7	It's sufficient as i would expect that this is the content my child would be learning at this point in time if she were in the classroom. Motivation is an issue but that's a covid issue not a school issue.	8/13/2021 10:11 PM
8	The tasks are fine and acceptable. I would like a focus of children to do in reading, writing and maths. I would like to suggest if the teachers set a task that requires an adult to complete or be in involved then I feel the teachers should run this task. A few times there has been tasks set for that required the children to complete with an adult and this makes working parents a stressful time.	8/13/2021 9:33 PM
9	The only thing not working is keeping the children motivated and interested in the set tasks. The teachers are great, kids love the zoom meets, its just difficult to keep them engaged all day.	8/13/2021 2:15 PM
10	Firstly a big thank you to all the teachers and staff at the school who have been so supportive! I think the format and timetable are working pretty well. The support session provided daily during the last lockdown is highly valued as it is an opportunity for my son to have a "focused" time to do tasks. As parents who are both working full time and is involved in a lot of meetings, this is our lifeline with home learning. I made sure that Logan attends all the support sessions and he completes a task almost every time. I also think the	8/13/2021 1:30 PM

kids are missing the connection with friends. Perhaps as part of wellbeing Wednesdays, they can have a zoom session where they can do physical activity like Cosmic yoga, dancing, physical challenge, etc. They did this last year and it was really great! Many thanks again!

11	Difficulty with daily tasks, especially reading. Too hard to complete without teacher explicit instruction. Clinics good in theory but seemingly not connected to daily tasks. Focus on reading and maths understandable but teaching new content doesn't seem to work online - too hard. Written question and response format boring. Suggestions: A focus on multimodal tasks might be more engaging, e.g. creating movies, slideshows, animation. Allow flexibility in student responses. Use and encourage devices as creative tools. Interactive play online, e.g. Kahoot assessment More inquiry /PBL Let kids drive what they want to learn and share	8/13/2021 11:33 AM
12	I think the repetitive nature of the timetable is welcome at this point in time. It provides stability (no big surprises) to my child during the week which helps when so much is out of our control at the moment. Wonder if there might be an opportunity for students to buddy-up to complete tasks from time to time. Not really to help the academic side but maybe keep the kids connected socially?	8/13/2021 10:55 AM
13	I think you guys are doing a great job in very difficult circumstances. Well done.	8/13/2021 10:11 AM
14	At this point everyone is struggling, teachers and students.	8/13/2021 7:54 AM
15	I think the school is doing a fantastic job at trying to accommodate the needs of all. I think the clinics are fantastic (please maintain) although I appreciate these can be challenging for teachers whilst working from home/other demands. Morning zooms are also great to check in, see peers and unpack the days tasks. Two uploads at most is adequate. I think any more would create undue stress for both children and parents alike. I'm not sure that you can do anything more than what you are doing under the circumstances. I think you are all trying your best to keep our children engaged and providing learning intentions that translate to an online portal - this would not be easy. As much as I as a parent sadly do not enjoy the role and task of homeschooling (with so many competing demands like every other parent, trying to do all things simultaneously) I commend you all. Thank you	8/13/2021 5:50 AM
16	I think the online schooling is good, the only challenge is supporting my child whilst working. Perhaps online support for the tasks can be offered by the teachers for tasks to be uploaded? On a well-being perspective I think it would be great for the kids to share some special things on particular days, I.e pets, favourite toys etc - and finding ways to create connections with kids in their class that they can't do out of the classroom. Hope these suggestions help	8/12/2021 11:12 PM
17	I feel my kids are empowered to learn and complete their activities. They try to make the best of their days. Please thank all teachers and staff for their support and guidance in this difficult time.	8/12/2021 10:51 PM
18	Having a games session midweek breaks up the daily grind. Also they miss their friends, so maybe have a breakout session where friendship groups can work /discussion on topics, would be a nice change. At work, once a week we had a dropin lunchtime session where we all log in to have lunch together and just chat eg: what books to read, games to play etc gave us more of a social connection that was non work related	8/12/2021 10:42 PM
19	I believe that St. Raphael's is doing an amazing job under these difficult circumstances. The daily timetable is very user friendly and has enough to focus on the children's learning and engagement. My difficulty however is having the time to properly offer the assistance and guidance to my son so that he can get the most out of the day. My son does not demonstrate independence in getting on with his daily tasks and needs my full attention however this is very difficult whilst managing work commitments. I also feel that my son doesn't take online learning very seriously and applies himself to his tasks at minimal effort. I'm working on this though and am trying to have a positive attitude that the children will return to face to face learning asap and 'catch up' where needed. Thank you St. Raphael's for delivering an exceptional online learning experience!	8/12/2021 10:05 PM
20	to provide more homework and assignments for kids to do online from home	8/12/2021 9:50 PM
21	It's ok. Would be good if it didn't change each lockdown. Also, children liked daily feedback on tasks but now it's only once per week.	8/12/2021 9:21 PM
22	My observation is that my child get more out of the small group zoom classes and engages/interacts more in these small groups. Can have extension tasks for maths? My child finds the maths work very easy and finishes maths within 1-2 minutes.	8/12/2021 9:14 PM
23	timetable posted on classroom is working well. Zoom sessions would be better to be shorter when they include the whole class. 30 min very long for whole class zoom. clinics work well	8/12/2021 9:00 PM

when when they teach kids new skills and are split into small groups. this keeps them engaged. thanks for asking for feedback. teachers are doing a great job.

24	The detailed timetables are valuable especially when examples are provided for set tasks. The structured timetable and clinics mimic the classroom environment which gives the kids stability and routine enabling them to perform at their best given the circumstances. I honestly feel the school has provided great support and learning opportunities throughout this experience, this has allowed the kids to smoothly transition between onsite and remote learning each time.	8/12/2021 8:25 PM
25	I work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I would prefer having a reading and maths class on a Monday or Friday	8/12/2021 8:21 PM
26	I am lucky my child is happy with online learning. She is self motivated. She works with her friendship group on FaceTime, which means that there is plenty of chatter and laughter. I'm not sure how much they are learning but I feel it's more important for them to be happy in this situation.	8/12/2021 8:18 PM
27	As an essential worker I haven't really been hands on with my children and there work. I'm assuming that they are completing the work adequately and on time. I know I should really check their work and uploads when I get home from work but I haven't. I would hope that if there was any issues with my kids work then the teacher would email me to let me know although I understand that this is probably extra work. The teachers are doing a great job!!	8/12/2021 7:31 PM
28	Online learning needs to be more effective especially as we will be facing more regular lockdowns in the future. There needs to be more onus on teachers and not parents, parents are not teachers and will not be able to provide the right education. My child is already behind from the last lockdown and I am worried without the right teaching and support he will fall further behind. Children need to get the right education and support and unfortunately this cannot come from parents who are working and not equipped to be teaching their children in the long term. It is a very sad situation we are in but we need to come up with a better solution than parents home schooling, it is clear that it has not worked effectively with the number of children fallen behind and sadly it is the children that are just below or at standard that will suffer the most and need the support the most.	8/12/2021 7:27 PM
29	We love remote learning. The only downside is trying to juggle my own work load whilst also supporting and helping my son.	8/12/2021 6:55 PM
30	The teachers are great and the work is great, but my daughter loses interest sometimes and I have to sit with her to make sure she finishes her tasks	8/12/2021 5:45 PM
31	Maybe for well-being Wednesday we could incorporate zoom meeting where a small group of children can have some social interaction (not education related just for them to talk and see each other over zoom). They can choose any fun topic they interested in and discuss about it or plan together on what to do after online schooling that doesn't involve screen time	8/12/2021 5:31 PM
32	I appreciate that the zooms are earlier in the day, we finish early then they are free to play.	8/12/2021 5:26 PM
33	I think everyone is doing the best they can. It is hard to work from home and keep the kids engaged in homeschooling. I cannot sit with every child and make sure they are engaged and learning. My kids do the minimum and then upload and I'm just praying for harmony to get through the day so I can do my work and not go mad. Anything more means more work for me. We are counting down the days when this ends and trying to make sure the kids are mentally ok because they miss being at school with their friends. There is nothing to improve.	8/12/2021 3:50 PM
34	There should be a time allocated every day for kids to go on and ask questions when they need help. Not everyone will use this but should be offered, it might help when kids are unsure of the tasks.	8/12/2021 3:45 PM
35	Its a difficult time for everyone. The children are struggling with the uncertainty, being home again and isolation from everyone. Some fun optional zooms might engage the children more in addition to their current work. School work is often finished by 11:30am.	8/12/2021 3:23 PM
36	As above. Thank you.	8/12/2021 3:01 PM
37	Its working because it has to - there is no other option. My child is struggling and demotivated more and more each lockdown. The 'learning' aspect is good but what about the social interactions??? I would suggest to hold social activities for the children to participate in - Online games? My child is craving for the connection of her peers	8/12/2021 2:48 PM
38	Timetable and remote learning has been great. Works well. Great job St Raph. Only suggestion would be to decrease length of first zoom on days they have other zooms.	8/12/2021 2:43 PM

39	Can't say I like the format of 30 min in the morning and then leave for the rest of the day unless you have a clinic. I think a better balance of teacher and class per subject throughout the day would be better so student stay on track with the traditional school day format.	8/12/2021 2:43 PM
40	Refer to response in point 10	8/12/2021 2:33 PM
41	Needing more online lessons or support during school day.	8/12/2021 2:29 PM
42	Online learning and the daily timetable is working well for my child. I'm just finding it difficult to keep her motivated this lockdown and need to keep pushing her to complete the tasks. Maybe the reintroduction of the half and hour a day where the children can log on to ask questions if they are having difficulties would be my only suggestion. The teaching staff are doing a fantastic job! Thank you 😊	8/12/2021 2:29 PM
43	I feel the current schedule is working very well for my child, the only thing that has changed this time round is not receiving daily feedback which I find a bit disheartening because it was something he looked forward to every afternoon/night.	8/12/2021 2:27 PM
44	The reduction in zoom classes has been a lot better compared to last lockdowns and last year. I think 1-2 Zooms is ok. In particular mostly Maths there should be a zoom.	8/12/2021 2:20 PM
45	There is a good amount of tasks to complete, but motivation to do more than the bare minimum is our struggle. I don't really see a "loss" in learning as we have experienced with Secondary students on account of the quality of tasks being offered. I have heard of other schools who move have more than one check-in call so parents can choose which one is easier for them.	8/12/2021 2:17 PM
46	I'm quite happy with the online learning. I think it has vastly improved from last year. The children seem happy and mostly independent. They get their work done by lunchtime which is great for them. My only question is whether the output or quality of their work is better, same or worse than if they were in the classroom?	8/12/2021 2:13 PM
47	The child and parent to have a zoom with home room teacher to talk about any difficulties they are having	8/12/2021 2:07 PM
48	Im very happy with the way the school has handled online learning. My daughters teacher has been amazing. I really appreciate that she doesn't add any pressure on 'difficult days' and also checks in if she senses something is up with my child. I have checked-in with friends from three other schools, and none of them seem to be handling online learning as well as St Raphs.	8/12/2021 2:02 PM
49	Perhaps there could be some more small groups working together, should the children need more help or if they are finding a task difficult.	8/12/2021 1:58 PM
50	Small reading groups, maths groups are more beneficial then morning Zooms. Some other children need to speak less in Zooms, they waste time.	8/12/2021 1:49 PM
51	The hard work of the staff is much appreciated. It is not always possible to complete all the work, and upload but that's life. Wellbeing Wed was excellent. Thanks so much	8/12/2021 1:47 PM
52	My child is overwhelmed by seeing the whole day's activities at one time. Obviously at school he has no perception of this as he progresses through the day as tasks arise. At home, seeing all the tasks at once causes a great deal of stress. His auditory processing issues also impacts his ability to focus and understand in the zooms and he tends to focus on the fact that he's not understanding. His fear of being judged by peers also prevents him from speaking up during the zoom. Overall, online learning is a stressful learning experience. An opportunity to connect with their friends in breakout rooms would be a great way to have fun and relieve some stress also giving them something to look forward to. Last year, games where they had to quickly find objects at home to share based on either colour or letter created fun and enjoyment.	8/12/2021 1:24 PM
53	The daily timetable is adequate and achievable for the time being. To balance work priorities, it has been really useful to request a rough weekly schedule so that we can plan for the required support and be available to assist our child when necessary. For context, our family has two parents who work full time in the healthcare and financial services industries. Both parents hold senior professional roles and while we do our utmost to support our child's learning, taking time away from work when needed, this is expectation means that we are working late into the evenings to balance all priorities for our family and work. There is very little downtime. We prioritise getting out for some exercise, gathering for meals, and talking about our days. But the never ending lockdown cycle depletes reserves and motivation as time goes on. For us, it is just having the understanding that we parents have to work and sometimes there is limited time to offer more support for certain activities	8/12/2021 1:03 PM

when it is needed, like our child would otherwise have in the classroom. ... students require a lot of assistance and while we have witnessed improvements with independence, it is an ongoing battle to get our child to focus on the task without the highly engaging learning environment they are used to. St Raphael's and teachers are doing a great job. Our child loves receiving feedback from her teacher and any opportunity to engage with her peers. It's just hard all round and we are battle weary. Wellbeing Wednesday was a great initiative - thank you for organising this, it would be great to do this again. Maybe some of the physical activities could be done as an optional group activity to promote that connection with classmates, similar to Kelly Mini Sports??

54	Appreciate the additional explicit and small group clinics. A suggestion for well-being Wednesday is for students to meet their specialist teacher online and engage in online tasks (e.g PE - jumping, skipping). This would help support more social engagement and demonstrate specialist areas are just as important as other curriculum domains. For students like my daughter this would support her motivation to engage with school.	8/12/2021 12:51 PM
55	If the school isn't doing this already getting my child to show more accountability by posting or taking photos of their daily work achieved and uploading it to the teacher . Reading independently at home can be a battle ... perhaps If my child was required to video themselves and send to their teacher this may show accountability. Thank you for all the teachers efforts going above and beyond . Also in the home learning environment my child might achieve the minimum and not extend themselves . Perhaps not just the 9:00 am session and or a clinic but something else during the day at for example 2-3 pm even if it's sharing their work or appropriate mediation or circle discussions or time to laugh together... something to be re-connected as a class or small group activity again . Many thanks	8/12/2021 12:49 PM
56	I find that sometimes it is not enough work or tasks.	8/12/2021 12:49 PM
57	I believe the content, balance, accessibility to staff, clinics are on point. I KNOW the school is doing all it can to engage and stimulate my child in interesting ways. Our child is motivated, connected to friends via zoom, FaceTime and special meetings for TofMinds (using own initiative). I've thoroughly enjoyed being taught Fractions and Decimals, and am truly impressed that my Kid is able to explain it so well... That is all because my child LOVES school, loves her Teachers and it's not because of me... St Raphaels ROCKS!!	8/12/2021 12:48 PM
58	Happy with current arrangements.	8/12/2021 12:43 PM
59	It's working well. There is adequate time to complete tasks and "contact" time with teachers. We personally haven't found this years lockdown overwhelming at all ! Sure some days we're more motivated than others but we put no pressure and it all gets done. It's a Combination of family familiarity, student maturity and school timetable	8/12/2021 12:42 PM
60	The school is doing the best they can. We are too. I have no issues. Feedback is only once a week now. Perhaps they can increase this to twice?	8/12/2021 12:41 PM
61	Perhaps extra work if/when tasks are completed quickly.	8/12/2021 12:30 PM
62	The only issue that I see when I'm home from work is that tasks are completed by 10 am then it's free time for the remainder of the day. As we are both working (1 at home, 1 at work) it's sometimes difficult to keep our child engaged in some sort of school work such as reading once the required tasks are completed.	8/12/2021 12:28 PM
63	We are all doing the best we can under the circumstances. Maybe a fun Friday for the whole school would be great. Also a school assembly would lift the kids spirits.	8/12/2021 12:28 PM
64	Students need face to face learning through zoom. They need more interaction with their teacher	8/12/2021 12:27 PM
65	You have done a fantastic job trying to keep kids engaged in this difficult time. The fun hat activity yesterday morning helped lift the mood. Teachers always very responsive whether in meetings, via email etc. Feedback on work completed is important for them to work on anything that they may need to improve on. Daily timetable is very clear and easy to follow.	8/12/2021 12:26 PM
66	The calls are great, as the kids get to share and be engaged vs us navigating them through all of their work. I wonder if more learning classroom time would get a bit more respect happening in the process. Not too many more obviously but there's nothing like classroom time with a teacher, even if it was vertical subjects like science, art etc. Where the children do a task with the teacher and then show their work live.	8/12/2021 12:25 PM
67	I like the current system. Sometimes however feel a though they are not given enough work	8/12/2021 12:22 PM
68	I would like to see more classes scheduled with the teacher to ensure that children are not falling behind. Online learning I believe is going to be around for a long time so the school should keep this in mind when planning and structuring activities. At the moment, it seems	8/12/2021 12:21 PM

	like it is planned like a temporary thing but nothing is temporary about this pandemic. I can't really provide how to improve the online learning experience as I am not a qualified educator. I understand everyone is doing their best given the current climate. Some children will be better with more tasks, and for others the current level is just enough. Perhaps get some feedback from the students to assess their views regarding online learning and how it can be improved?	
69	Only improvement I suggest is that perhaps we have as many printable sheets as possible, also that the Zoom for assistance might be straight after morning Zoom, or that morning Zoom be extended to be more about the teacher running through and working through the tasks with the children so they can bounce ideas off each other as they do in class? I've seen this work brilliantly at Mt nephews school in the east. Where essentially the children are in Zoom for the morning, with their teacher and class working through their tasks. If the task is more involved like a PBL, this is set as the last task in Zoom, pointers are given and then the children can independently work on the task. The school then sends some art or wellbeing tasks, as St Raphael's have been doing, that children can the participate in after the morning Zoom if they wish. Still educational, more fun. This means the work is done and handed in and they have the afternoon to play or self pace the well-being tasks.	8/12/2021 12:19 PM
70	I think despite the circumstances, the teachers have done an exceptional job. It's hard to motivate my little one because he is missing school so much but its of no fault of the program provided.... the little feel good moments like the bear dress up today are amazing as it gives the kids some excitement and helps them with their social welfare during this time which I think is predominately the issue in this lockdown. Thank you for your amazing work ! Really hoping we the kids are back in the classroom soon where they belong.	8/12/2021 12:19 PM
71	I feel that they don't have enough to do he is finishing his work within an hour or 2. I would like to see a little more work sheets for him to do	8/12/2021 12:18 PM
72	Bring back screenland, PPP's, new initiatives to engage like online booking classes, drama/dance workshops.. student led online zooms with LSO's or teachers.	8/12/2021 12:18 PM
73	The school is doing a wonderful job in supporting and guiding our students during this time. The learning goals and daily timetable are clear to read / understand and all activities are achievable. We would prefer less 'drawing' activities to accompany the writing tasks, as that does take quite a bit of time, but that's just a small issue. We like that we have a reading group and a maths group now. Overall, we feel that the teachers and school are doing a wonderful job; very pleased with the learning outcomes and that we can see progress in our child. Thank you for your hard work.	8/12/2021 12:14 PM
74	No idea	8/12/2021 12:12 PM
75	Pls know that I am not sure if there is a great deal you guys can do. My child is now basically going through the motions as he has to though I can say he is no longer engaged and nor is he finding home learning full filling. Furthermore as a parent who is trying to work from home to keep the household running I too no longer have the mental capacity to facilitate remote learning. This is no longer a viable learning tool for children. Fees were paid so that children could be at school and not at home learning, which has only added to stress and anxiety to each and every family member. I understand this may be viewed as negative feed back and we are all in this together, however my family is my concern and this is not how children should be taught. I understand the risks of covid and will do all that I can to minimize the threat of exposure. But as far as the children are concerned home learning novelty has well and truly worn off.	8/12/2021 12:11 PM
76	I've been very impressed with how well the school has run remote learning. Yes it's frustrating for all and we'd all rather our children be at school, but whilst in this current climate, I am very happy with how the school has dealt with all aspects of remote learning.	8/12/2021 12:09 PM
77	I'm so proud when I tell people that we send our son to St Raph's. Communication is clear, support is earnest and loves attending class and the teachers he works with	8/12/2021 12:05 PM
78	The timetable is great. It good to have the night before to prep for the next day.. just hard for her to focus	8/12/2021 12:04 PM
79	My Son is really disappointed that feedback by his teacher is no longer given to the tasks that are uploaded daily only feedback is given when he is focus child which is only once a week. If he was face to face learning I'm sure there would be more feedback & interaction. This is really disappointing ☹️	8/12/2021 11:59 AM
80	We appreciate all the work staff are doing Tough times We do what we can and try to get out on walking adventures, cook in stream of screen time etc	8/12/2021 11:58 AM

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Going really well. Great to see day is broken up

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