

9 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**ENRICHMENT AND ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES – NO SCREEN TIME DAY FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2021**

**Thank you for your ongoing support in these unusual times.**

There's no doubt that during lockdown our screens have supported us in many ways. We've used them to keep in contact with family and friends; work from home; provide lessons to pupils - to name just a few things. Indeed, times might have been very different had we not had the technology to support our lives. However I'm sure you will agree that staring at a screen all day can cause us all to go a bit crazy and with this in mind, we are launching our 'No Screen Time Day' on Friday 12 February.

Unfortunately, the current lockdown situation means that we are unable to offer our normal enrichment and engagement opportunities through extra-curricular activities and collapsed timetable/Values days. However, we can support pupils by encouraging them to take a break from their screens, consider a range of suggested activities and maybe 'have a go' at things that are out of their comfort zone. There's something for everyone and the activities allow pupils to: indulge in their hobbies; take a break and lose themselves in a book; exercise; take part in a varied range of competitions and challenges; remember the fun involved when playing family games; be creative; improve skills and knowledge, alongside activities that will have a positive impact on others. Indeed the activities and challenges cover cross-curricular themes, skills development, national competitions, literacy and numeracy and the creative arts. Instead of live registration, live lessons and pre-recorded lessons, we are asking pupils to commit to completing activities and challenges throughout the day.

All the suggestions can be found on the Remote Education page of the school website. Pupils will be contacted by their Year Leader via Google Classroom and their school email with all this information. Form Tutors will share the information in live registration on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

We have created a mailbox where pupils can submit photos of them 'giving it a go' and completing the activities and challenges or to show off their final piece. All photographs should be submitted to: [enrichment@croftonacademy.org.uk](mailto:enrichment@croftonacademy.org.uk) and must include the pupil's name and form group. We will take the submission of a photograph as consent for the school to use the image for promotional purposes.

Because of the vast number of activities and challenges provided, some pupils will want to continue working through them during the half term break. This is fine and all we ask is that photos continue to be submitted to [enrichment@croftonacademy.org.uk](mailto:enrichment@croftonacademy.org.uk). We hope to produce a school display of submitted photographs for all pupils, staff and visitors to view in school.

The school will be open on Friday 12 February as normal for those vulnerable and critical worker children who have a place booked in childcare provision. These pupils will be participating in activities and challenges throughout the day and we ask that they bring their PE kit to school on this day.

I would like to ask our parents/carers to support this enrichment and engagement opportunity and encourage our pupils to participate and commit to the activities and challenges on offer.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to when we can all be back in school together soon.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Hardcastle'.

Mr L Hardcastle  
Deputy Headteacher