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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the pupils and parents who contributed today to our open Home Learning afternoon. The school was full to the brim of examples of creativity, collaboration and dedication!

Now that we have completed three half termly cycles of our new Home Learning approach, we would like to thank you for your feedback and support throughout this process, particularly through 'Parent Voice'.

As a result of the feedback received from parents, staff and pupils themselves, we are adapting and improving our approach further.



In-Flight Menu

The half termly in-flight menu tasks will be continuing as we believe they have been extremely successful and now have an added maths column for extra breadth of choice. The end date for these tasks will now always be in the first week back after a holiday break to allow more time for completion.



Learning Journals

Our original aim for these journals was for the children to have an opportunity to further develop an aspect of their learning **independently**. Our evaluations show that, in some cases, this proved difficult for pupils and confusing for some parents, resulting in a disproportionately high amount of time being spent; this was never our aim. As a result we have made the following changes.

Every week, the pupils (like airline pilots) will be expected to complete their 'pre-flight checks' before being cleared for 'take-off'. These 'pre-flight checks' consist of **basic skills practice** in English and Maths which can be completed **independently**. There will be guides and prompts in the Learning journals to support this independence. Once 'cleared for take-off', the pupils can then decide to build further on the week's learning or complete an in-flight menu task. Pupils will continue to receive a copy of the content taught that week in the form of their 'Learning Destinations'.

We will continue to monitor and evaluate the impact of our home learning approach but firmly believe that it is becoming a key strength of our school provision. With your continued support and feedback, we wish to aim even higher and fly still further!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Vickers (Curriculum Provision and Extension Lead) and the Leadership Team at BFJS