

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your families are all well and managing in these difficult times. With England now in its third national lockdown, it is really important for us to remain as positive as we can be and we thank those parents who have emailed us telling us that they appreciate what we are doing. We understand that some parents have needed to give us feedback which has been less positive, but be assured that we have reflected, as always, on this feedback and have made some changes where we can.

Please find a new timetable attached which includes extra slots for a second Kodesh learning task and second Humanities session. Reception will also find that we have added an Ivrit lesson as well. We understand that some parents have requested a change or alignment of the break and lunchtimes. These timings have been set with the Critical Worker Provision in mind, and need to remain as they are due to our need to stagger the break and lunchtimes in school. Unfortunately, we cannot run the same lunchtime hour for everyone onsite.

May we remind you of some of our guidelines for remote home school learning, which we would appreciate you enforcing and supporting at home:

- Attendance is compulsory. We require all children to attend every session. If there is a problem with internet or your child is unwell please let the school know in advance.
- Children must be appropriately dressed - please don't let your child attend these sessions in pyjamas or a dressing gown. It is school after all!
- Please remember it's difficult and nervy enough for our teachers to deliver live learning – they don't need parents hovering please!
- All children must have their camera switched on at all times for safeguarding reasons. For similar reasons, please do not allow your child to use a virtual background.
- Work must be submitted daily. Teachers will be chasing if work isn't completed. Parents are welcome to check the work and encourage children to do their best, but try not to change the work too much!

In this week's Parasha we see the beginnings of the story of Moshe and his selection to lead Bnei Yisrael from Mitzrayim. We see how Miriam cares for Moshe when he's placed on the River Nile, and how this level of care bears fruit in that Moshe is protected. Thereafter he is protected further by the actions of Batya who, despite her father's decree, sees the injustice of this baby being detached from his family. As we all know, due to the actions of courageous women such as Miriam and Batya, Moshe was able to go on to be the leader of B'nei Yisrael and lead us from Mitzrayim. This message of care is obviously apt given the situation we currently find ourselves in. Let us continue to be caring and positive; looking after one another as only the Sacks Morasha community can.

Wishing you and your family a very calm and restful Shabbat and we look forward to seeing you either on screen or in person next week.

Mrs Gross, Mr Kett and Mrs Shmuel