



Dear Year 1 and 2 Parents/Carers,

We are writing to give you some updates as a result of the very valuable feedback you have sent us, following the 'soft launch' of Diamond Online for Years 1 and 2 on Monday 8th June. We very much appreciate hearing your views and are using them to shape our online learning service for the remainder of this term.

Firstly, **thank you** for bearing with us and for your perseverance, particularly on Monday when significant glitches were identified on the site. The team worked tirelessly to rectify these as soon as we realised certain links were not working, so we hope your child's learning experience for the remainder of the week has been much smoother. We are sorry this happened. This is why it was important to us to provide you with a newsletter alongside the 'soft launch' so you and your child could still access the planned home learning.

Following feedback from several parents, we would like to assure you that while we have planned Year 1 and 2 together for now, the learning objectives are appropriate to both year groups and we have also provided support and challenge activities and learning, so that children of all abilities can access the lessons. Perhaps what was not made clear, was that we recommend using the support lesson if the main lesson appears to be too challenging initially. You will have noticed that Thursday's Maths lessons were already split into individual year groups. In order to make the learning experience smoother and even easier to follow, we have taken the decision to provide **completely separate English and Maths lessons for Years 1 and 2, from the week beginning 22nd June.**

We know that younger children can sometimes find it more difficult to navigate websites and click through instructions without adult supervision, so from next week (15th June) we have provided **voice overs** on a few lessons and activities to make the learning more accessible. This strategy is limited for the upcoming week, but we are currently working hard to create **more lessons with teachers talking through slides**, so you should notice a lot more verbal support and prompting in lessons from 22nd June onwards. As always, we would appreciate any feedback, positive or otherwise, once you have tried the website next week.

In addition, we have also planned in a weekly **spelling quiz** on a Friday, to support you in checking your child is able to spell words linked to the weekly spelling work already on the website.

As with all learning, it is useful to be able to refer back to a previous week's work or any additional activities you might not have had time to complete. Some, you might wish to repeat. Therefore, you will now find **an archive section** on the website menu, where you can access all the learning from previous weeks. We hope this will be useful to you.

As a reminder, you will find all learning resources on our website, which can be found at: <https://www.diamondonline.uk/>

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we set up this new remote learning website. Your feedback is helping us shape future weeks' learning.

Best wishes,

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On behalf of Diamond Online (part of TDLPT)