

February Update - No.1

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we complete another week in lockdown I wanted to express my thanks to all our families for engaging so well in the remote learning and my gratitude to the staff here who are working hard to ensure that all our children are receiving quality provision.

The teachers are spending hours putting together a package of learning resources that best suits the needs of their classes and the children in them. They are working hard wanting to do the best for the children and to support you at home. Much of what we are asking teachers to do is outside of their comfort zones and we are all learning these new ways of working together.

Some of you have children of different ages at home and we know how challenging it can be to support children of different ages to get their learning done. If your children are in Years 4, 5 and 6 they should be able to access some of their learning independently and we would encourage you to support your children to do this.

You are doing really well and you are doing enough. You are caring for your children and supporting them at this most difficult of times. Looking after all of your family's mental health is vital at this time and trying to minimise stress. Please do not let remote learning stress you out. Here in school the teachers are providing resources along with some video links. It is really up to you how you manage the days learning. Some days will be better than others and your children will have good days and bad. This is normal and this is okay. Please do not be too hard on yourself.

Please continue to keep your children in good routines going to bed at a regular time, as this will really help when the time comes for us to re-open (fingers crossed for the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March).

If you would like any support with your child's routine at home during lockdown, whether it be related to home learning or just general day to day issues, please feel free to contact Mr Thorpe (Family Officer) at school. Sometimes a fresh pair of eyes can help in talking through challenges, so please say 'hello' whenever you need to.

I wish to thank all the parents and carers of children who are still in school for wearing face masks on our site. So many families have suffered during this time. Like you, staff are juggling home learning with their own children and also the worry for our families and elderly relatives. Some staff have lost family members to this terrible disease and are understandably anxious to keep to a minimum their social contact at the beginning and end of the day. By wearing a face mask, you are helping to keep our staff safe and we appreciate this and ask that you continue to do so. Please do not be upset if we ask you to wear one on our site. It is to keep all of us safe.

Yours sincerely



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