



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support and patience during these ever-changing times. Please make sure that you keep up to date with any information that we send out and continue to follow the lockdown guidance to keep us all safe.

We finished the autumn term on a real positive. Christmas had been celebrated, we had felt connected as a school, all assessments had been completed, children had made pleasing progress and we had clear plans of what we needed to do and achieve in the spring term. Then we watched the news on Monday 4th January to hear that we needed to close our doors to the majority of our children and begin remote learning. Luckily, our School Improvement Team had been undergoing a lot of work behind the scenes to make sure that we were ready. The school had appointed Miss Burke as our Remote Learning Lead and she had delivered training to all members of staff.

Remote learning is not our preferred way of teaching your children, but it is what the government has asked us to do for the next 6 weeks or longer. Therefore, we need to work together to make sure our children get the best possible education during this third lockdown. The teachers and staff are working incredibly hard to produce quality lessons for each class. The expectation during this third lockdown is different because it is expected, from the government that children will continue to learn and build on their existing knowledge and skills. When the children return to school, there will be no 'catch up' curriculum, we will be expected to continue from the learning during lockdown. Therefore, it is very important that our children complete their on-line learning as much as possible over the coming weeks and months. Having two children at home myself, I recognise that this is not an easy task. It can be hard to motivate children when they would much rather be playing Minecraft. However, we need your support to make sure our children continue to thrive. Please encourage your children to complete as many of the lessons as possible. The teachers are putting lots of effort in to try and make the lessons as interesting as possible and they are really enjoying the interaction with your children and supporting them at home. The lessons teachers are uploading are in order and build on from each other. So you need to do Monday's English lesson first and then Tuesday's etc. Teachers will tell children when to complete the pages in their maths and reading workbooks. The children won't be able to do these without watching the videos first.

Children will need time away from their screens; they could play in the garden, read a book, do some jobs around the house, play with their toys or draw a picture.

Please keep in touch with us and continue to send in your photos and messages. If anyone is having any difficulties or needs any support, please get in touch. We are here to help.

I hope that in the not too distance future, we will soon be able to open our doors to all children again and hear our classrooms and playgrounds filled with laughter.

Take care and keep safe.

Mrs E Dilworth
Acting Principal

