

Monday 11th January

Dear Home school teachers,

Now that we have got into the swing of this current lockdown and as a school we now have our Keyworker and vulnerable children supervision rota organised, can I ask parents to support our teachers, who are under immense pressure at the moment.

Our teachers have never been trained in any form of remote learning, they are classroom practitioners, so this style of teaching and learning, takes a lot of preparation and thought across a year group to ensure that the work they set is of a high quality and ties in with exactly what the children should be learning this term. We feel passionately that we don't want to send out senseless worksheets, as in school we don't teach with worksheets. We want our children to continue to make progress and to keep standards high, so therefore the online work is specific to the planning for each year group for the month of January.

So please don't listen to what other primaries are doing, we are doing what we believe to be the best option for our children.

Seesaw Messaging

All staff will be in school on a rota to cover those children being minded in school. Your child's teacher will put a message on seesaw on the day they are covering, during that day they will not respond to seesaw messages, but will respond the following day. I cannot expect them to supervise in school and to be on seesaw during the day. So if your message is urgent, please ring the office and a member of the leadership team will ring you back to discuss the concern.

As explained in a letter last week, staff do have their own lives outside school. With many caring for vulnerable relatives or have their own children, that need help with home learning. So seesaw will be switched off from 3p.m each day and at weekends. So again, if messages are sent, teachers will respond on the next working day.

We thank you for your support during this challenging time, but together we can all get through this if we work as a partnership

Please keep safe, stay at home and enjoy these times with the children.

Claire Robinson