



Crayke C of E Primary School

'TRY YOUR BEST IN EVERYTHING YOU DO'

Respect Friendship Forgiveness Determination

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you will understand that this week's edition will be somewhat briefer than usual given everything we have had to contend with since Monday night's announcement including the arrangements to get children of critical workers into school, setting up and implementing our remote learning offer from theory to practice, organising devices for those who do not have access to them at home...and then a snow day! I think it is safe to say that we will sleep well this weekend.

I often say it but it continues to be the case that I am so very proud of, and grateful to, each and every member of our staff team who have, once again, and with such short notice, stepped up to the plate and worked their socks off to try to get things up and running for home learning. We know that you as parents and carers did not sign up to be teachers. It is also worth remembering that teachers trained to deliver lessons to classrooms full of children and that the fundamental reason most teachers and teaching assistants join the profession is because they enjoy being with young people, supporting, helping and challenging them to learn new skills. This does not typically extend to teaching to a computer screen! We are as frustrated as you undoubtedly are that we have to move to this new style of learning, but hope that we can all just take one day at a time and remember that it will not be like this forever.

Having experienced today the unique joy of trying to oversee remote learning whilst also working from home, I once again take my hat off to all of you as parents as you attempt to juggle the home lessons and the other responsibilities we all have as adults. These things are sent to try us but we will stay strong and positive and continue to help each other out wherever we possibly can.

The positive feedback we have already had from so many of you means so much to us all. Please keep in touch with anything you are finding difficult – as well as sharing anything that is working well so we can continue to build on and refine our remote learning offer.

Remote Learning

We know that the vast majority of families are now up and running with our remote learning offer and we have made contact with most of those who have not yet been able to access the google platform but our efforts were cut short by school closure today. Anyone who has still not been on to the site by Monday will receive a further call from us to check whether you are experiencing technical – or other - difficulties.

From Monday, you can expect your child to be completing three "lessons" each day – two of these will included a pre-recorded video element from your child's class teacher and the third will link them to an activity or another online lesson to complete. The government released a 61 page document last night which outlined the expectations that children in Key Stage 1(Class 2) should be engaging in 3 hours of remote learning per day and children in Key Stage 2 (Classes 3 and 4) should be engaging in 4 hours of remote learning per day. There is a statutory obligation that work is completed and that engagement with remote learning is monitored. We know that some families may find this style of

learning more challenging than others, so please do keep in touch with us in order that we are able to provide support where needed.

Collective Worship

As we are a Church school, we will also be looking at sharing collective worship sessions with the children. We are currently exploring the best way to do this; it will possibly include setting up an additional “whole school” page where relevant resources can all be accessed from. We will keep you updated!

Free School Meals

Information was received last night from the government with regard to children entitled to benefit related Free School Meals to say that further guidance will follow. It appears as though there will be a national voucher scheme in place once again to support you at this time. In the meantime, whilst we await clarification of the voucher scheme, if you are struggling for food please get in touch, in confidence, and we will help where we can.

Safeguarding

A reminder that should you have any concerns about a child, please contact myself as Designated Safeguarding Lead on headteacher@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

Have a safe weekend,

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