



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I am sure by now many of you will have heard the Prime Minister's statement that schools will not re-open until at least the 8<sup>th</sup> March. While I am disappointed that children will not be back in after half term I am pleased that we have a date to work to. There is every chance that the date may get pushed back but I will remain hopeful we are in sooner rather than later. I know the virus is a worldwide concern but my job is to look after the education of the children and for that they need to be in school. So I will push for that to happen as quickly as is possible and safe.

This week I have been joining many of the online teaching sessions and as a team we have been sharing best practice and looking for ways we can improve what we are doing. I have to say I have been so impressed with how well you are doing as parents. The vast majority of children are in their school uniform, they all have a place to work, the attendance for the sessions remains at almost 100% across the entire school. That is a massive achievement from you.

When new teachers start in the profession I always have the same conversation with them, I would like to have this with you now. As a teacher you will always think you are failing, there is so much to do and you can always make things just that little bit better. Children have so much to learn, you will focus more on what they are not getting right than on what they are getting right. You will never have a perfect lesson as something in the lesson won't quite click for every child or you will feel you could have done that little bit more to support a particular child better. All those thoughts mean that you are a caring and self-reflective person and therefore will be the very best teacher you can. Be kind to yourself and realise that you are helping and that children are making progress. As parents you have the added pressure that you have not been trained to teach and none of us can teach our own child as well as we can teach others. You are juggling teaching with your own work, other children, household jobs and your own worries and anxieties. Through all of this remember you are doing the best job you can. Please be kind to yourself, no one is expecting perfection and some days will be better than others. Please don't beat yourself up or feel every other parent must be doing a better job than you. Just remember any little thing you do will be helping your child in the long run. You are doing a good job and you should be proud of yourself.

Please remember we are here as a school if you need anything, I am also here if you just need a chat. I am happy to talk to parents over the phone or via Teams to just sit down and have a cup of coffee and a chat. I don't have any magic answers but what I can do is help you to realise that the behaviours you are seeing in your child are perfectly normal, though it might not seem that way at times. I can also suggest some ideas that have helped other parents in the past. We still have some way to go to get through this and we all need to work together so please do not feel that you are alone. Please do not feel you would be disturbing us if you need to talk, we are here for you as and when you need.

Take care

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