



Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we close to the majority of pupils today the staff team would like to say thank you for supporting us over the last week and would like to wish you all the best in the coming weeks.

We have had some questions regarding the children's ability to work at home using the online resources, as we know that some families will have siblings sharing computers, parents working from home needing computers or that some families are not keen on their children using screens all day. Our answer to this is try your best when you can. If you can do nothing else then read, read, read. We do not expect children to go to every website that is listed every day; dip into those as and when. If possible keep up to date with the suggested tasks and things in your learning pack. Hopefully when things settle in the next few weeks you (and the staff here) will establish new routines.

Some parents have asked how they can communicate with us. For parents in Year 1/Reception our major form of communication will be Tapestry. You can use Tapestry to add comments to threads started by the teacher. There is also the option for you to send an individual message to us which you can use if it is a more sensitive issue and we will endeavor to respond as soon as possible.

Year 2 do not use Tapestry so they will be using the website to update tasks. If you have any major concerns they are happy for you to email the office and they can pass the emails on to them. They will endeavor to respond as quickly as possible.

Although teachers are still working I am sure you can appreciate that to have 30 emails to respond to daily is not sustainable and some teachers will be working on a rota to offer childcare to the children of key workers so will not always have access to their computers.

I will be sending a weekly bulletin/update to you throughout the closure.

Best wishes to everyone.

Linda Barbuti
Head of School