



Friday 15th January 2021

Dear Parents

There will be no official *Hawsworth Herald* today, but I did want to update parents on one or two things.

As stated in the newsletter (5.1.21), during the week beginning 18th January, every class teacher will telephone their pupils to check on their well-being and discuss their class work. We have also been monitoring the pupil's online presence and where pupils have not uploaded any work for a while, we have contacted parents to check if all is ok and this will continue. Mrs Gallagher will also have time set aside each week if there is a need to speak to parents or children.

As we now enter the third week of enforced school disruption, I did say I would review the present school plans which were hastily introduced due to the short notice. I am in everyday contact with my fellow ALPT Headteachers and we have all shared what has worked, what has not been practical and what improvements can be made in all our ALPT schools. This sharing of information between Headteachers has been very beneficial. My teaching staff have also forwarded to me any parental questions/suggestions or areas they would like school to continue. I will take this information into account when we as a staff next week review present plans and gauge what may need introducing to further enhance our present provision. Any additional provision would begin week beginning 25.1.21.

Please be reassured Keyworker sessions will continue next week as normal and present online planning to continue to be emailed out to parents at 9am by all staff. The work can be approached in a flexible manner to fit the home situation and this is why we did not set specific times, as we are aware numerous members of the family may be using the same computer. Class emails and lesson plans will be very different from teacher to teacher as it is bespoke planning for their individual classes.

We have moved swiftly to replace our six year old laptops with thirty-five new Dell laptops which arrived last Friday and are now being used by the Keyworker children. We have ordered new headphones too as having different videos being played simultaneously within a keyworker session can be slightly distracting to all.

It is reassuring to find our new online reading scheme is being well utilised and appreciated (I have received many positive emails from parents). It has successfully enabled school to get round the problem of sending books back and forth and increasing the potential for increased levels of transmission. Any enquiries/problems with the online reading scheme please email school admin.

As you will understand I am receiving daily updates from the Department of Education, Leeds City Council and also their varied departments e.g., catering, Health and Safety, Human Resources etc. Guidance seems to change each day and information about planned interventions (e.g., lateral flow testing) gets delayed so please understand when I or the office staff reply to parent questions be aware what has been said in the media may change and be very different in reality. I will only send out information to parents if I have confirmation from Leeds CC or the Department for Education; and of course, as soon as I can.

I would like to thank all parents for your continued support and I do understand the implications of the present situation can have a detrimental influence on all aspects of family life, especially those juggling with jobs and home education. I would also like to thank staff for their daily efforts and governors for their work behind the scenes.

Best wishes and keep safe

Dale Norris

Headteacher

