

VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Message from Mr. Pavey

So, we have made it through another challenging week and I hope you are all well. The sense of optimism of the end of this horrendous time is coming closer as more and more news of vaccines is reported. For me, personally, the fact that my parents are getting their vaccine today and my mother-in-law, with whom I live, is getting hers next week means that I can see, in the not too distant future a time when we can all be back together properly. I hope that those in your families who are most in need are getting their vaccine soon and you too are looking to a brighter future not too far away.

We continue to miss all the children dearly in school and I want to thank you for keeping them at home as much as possible. I want to be clear that I consider all those parents/carers grappling with home-schooling, juggling home-working and dealing with life in general, as true heroes. We all have a part to play in keeping this virus under control and isolating your family as much as possible is key to us all getting out of this as soon as we can. For those parents/carers who have to send their children to school because they have jobs which have to be done to keep the basics of life in our communities going, you too are heroes and we are happy to have your children. As school staff, we know first-hand how difficult a decision it is to send your children into school and how guilty you feel about doing so but we know this is a last resort and you would not do it if there was any other option.

The Department for Education have asked schools to support the Government's Test and Trace system by reporting any confirmed cases of COVID19 within our school community. If you or any member of your household tests positive for COVID19, please can you inform school as soon as possible (email below). This information is important even if your child is not coming to school at the moment. Your details will be kept confidential but we are being asked to report how many households within our school community are self-isolating due to COVID19.

Thank you everyone for playing your part!

As you will be aware, I record and publish my Head Teacher's Assembly online each Monday morning. If the children were in school and we did not have COVID restrictions, I would do this each Monday morning in the school hall. The assemblies are an important part of the children's education. The theme of the assemblies is planned out across the year to raise children's awareness of relevant subjects in life, to support their development into becoming well-rounded citizens and to help them consider aspects of life which they may not otherwise learn about during class lessons. On Monday, I am going to attempt a 'Live Assembly' which will be accessible by all children at 9:05am on Monday morning. It will be presented as a 'webinar' so that when you log in from wherever you are, you won't appear on the screen nor will the sound come from your device. I am hoping that children will be able to engage in the assembly through the 'chat' link by typing in text. Those of you who are unable to make it for 9:05am can use the same link after the assembly has finished to watch the recording of it. I have to be honest, the thought of this terrifies me but I am hoping that it will all work seamlessly and be a really good way of maintaining that sense of belonging. Please bear with me if it all goes completely wrong!! I will send out a link via ClassDojo when I have set it up so you can access the assembly, a message saying that the 'Live Event has not started yet' will appear until I click 'start' on my side.

Have a lovely weekend and I thank you for all that you are doing to support school and the children throughout these challenging times.

Remember if you need anything, please email: vaneroadparents@durhamlearning.net