



11th February 2021

Update February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you so very much for the effort and support you have given to your little ones whilst you have been in lockdown. I am very aware that many of you are now finding this situation a real challenge and we, as a school, fully sympathise and are really grateful to you for your commitment and determination to do right by your children. Many of you have been very anxious or worried that you are not managing to cover all the work set or that the work is not to a high enough standard and this is credit to you that you are taking learning so seriously, but we know you are doing your best and your best **IS** enough. This situation is unprecedented, and we know that everyone is fatigued and worn down after a very disjointed and challenging year.

I am acutely aware that for some of our families, home schooling is not your top priority at the moment as you worry about your job security, mental and physical health and when you will see your family and friends again. We know that there are arguments, tantrums and tears. Please do not allow remote learning to impact too negatively on family life. Just do your best, you are all learning heroes!

Hopefully you can all breathe a big sigh of relief and take a week off learning over the half term break. This week should also be when we hear more about the government's plan for getting us all back to school (hopefully a full return on 8th March but who knows!). This means that we may only have 10 more school days of remote learning to do.

I am really grateful for all the positive comments we have received about the improved home learning offer we have made to the children over this lock-down period. I am aware that there is still much for us to learn and improve, but I promise you, we have done our very best and I could not be more proud of our teachers and support staff who have been managing school face to face for our critical worker and vulnerable children whilst also planning, delivering and offering feedback on the home school learning for our children who currently must stay home.

In case this happens again and to help us continue to improve I would be really grateful if you would complete this short online survey about our remote learning offer. Please complete a survey for each child, please click on the link below or copy and paste into a web browser.

<https://s.surveyplanet.com/1QawsJFES>

We will use your comments and feedback to inspire and energise the teachers and offer them positive feedback and where we have not got things quite right, we will use these findings to try to improve further. Please complete the survey over half term as we would like to analyse them in the first week back so if you could complete the survey by **Sunday 21st February** I would be really grateful.

Thank you all again for everything you are doing, you are all doing an incredible job under the toughest of circumstances and we are all really proud of you! Let's stick together and take one day at a time. Keep going, we are nearly through this!

Best wishes,

Stay safe and well,

Mr. Brown and everyone at school