



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Dear Home school Partners,

It's been another week of indecision from our Leaders on the hill, leaving us all frustrated as we watch the news and follow what can only be described as a game of ping pong, with our children being used to score points.

But as educators we are here to keep morale going, to give you the help and support to ensure the children keep on track, if they complete the work set everyday, it will go a long way to helping ensure they won't have fallen behind.

Let's put this in context, every child across the world are in the same position, having spent a considerable time trying to continue their learning at home. So please don't panic, don't worry that your child is slipping behind, because when we finally get them back into their classrooms full time, we will be ready and determined to make up for any gaps and missed learning.

Every year as a school, we set targets to improve literacy and Numeracy, we never sit on our laurels and think we don't need to make changes, school life evolves every year, every year we try new things, some things make an impact others do not, but as educators we keep trying, until we find programmes and ideas to help us adapt our teaching and learning styles, to ensure that our children are given the tools to develop as learners as they move through school.

So please be safe in the knowledge, we will do all we can long term to plug the learning gaps, to build our children's self esteem and to ensure that they are happy and settled once they are back with us in our new school, that in itself will be such a confidence boost for us all, so let's see the eventual return as a new start.

In the meantime, keep doing what you are doing, keep positive, I've said it before, lather your children with praise and hugs, if this week taught as all anything, listening to Noah Donohoe's heartbroken mummy on UTV Live, our children are precious and we need to enjoy every moment we spend with them. So if you have a rough day, just stop and let the children do something they enjoy and start again the next day and please do embrace Well-being Wednesday as a day of fun, a day you can all do something that makes you all laugh as a family.

Have a lovely weekend, hopefully the sun will shine and remember you've got this!!

Claire Robinson