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'Being the best we can be with God'

Dear Parent/ Carer,

11th January 2021

Thank you for your support and patience last week. This has been an uncertain time for us all and has posed extra challenges for those juggling work and childcare. The team at school have worked hard, and continue to do so, to ensure that the remote learning offer is effective and also that we are providing a 'broad and balanced' curriculum, both for those children at home and those attending school. May we also take this opportunity to welcome our new families; we are very pleased to have you joining us and look forward to meeting you in person before too long.

Please note that the message is very clear regarding places for children in school. Whilst we can provide places for the children of critical workers, if you can keep your child/ren at home, you should. This is the safest option for everyone and supports the community in trying to minimise contacts and therefore reduce transmission of the virus. Please think carefully before you take a critical key worker place.

Staff are investing a lot of time into the remote learning offer. We appreciate that this is not the same as some other schools, however each school has its own capabilities in terms of the number of staff and the amount of technology available. For example, some schools have three or four teachers per year group and therefore have members of staff available for online teaching whilst others teach in person in school. As we are a small school, we just do not have this capacity. We are certain that the online learning being provided, and the quality of the feedback, will enable your child to continue to learn and make progress at home, with your support. If you are struggling with any aspect of home learning, please get in touch. We carefully monitor the online learning and will be contacting families where this is limited, and we thank you for your support in this. This is so that we can provide support and advice, not to criticise. So far, we have been really pleased with the engagement at home; thank you.

Please remember that it is important to supervise your children whilst they are online. It is common for children to turn to TikTok or YouTube whilst couped up at home for longer periods. It is a good idea to regularly check their activity and what they are posting online. Please get in touch if you need any advice or support.

It is also important to remember the need for exercise and downtime. Go out for a walk, play in the garden, do some exercise, play a board game, enjoy some baking, watch a movie- you will have your own family favourites for enjoying some time together. Make sure you allow yourself to enjoy time with your children and allow them to be just that- children. We will be posting some ideas on our school Twitter page too in case you run out of inspiration.

We are hopeful that, as we settle into new routines, this week will be a little easier for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support,

Best wishes

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