

‘Living, Loving, Learning’

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Dear Parent/Carers and children

I hope that you are all keeping well.

We are now entering the 5th week of the current lockdown and we hope that the end is in sight. As we have said previously, school is just not the same place without all of the pupils and we hope that we can be up and running at full capacity when it is safe to do so. The Government have given an earliest **possible** start date of March 8th and we hope to welcome everyone back then. However, lots of things need to fall into place before this date, so we will wait for further announcements.

We understand that it is very difficult for the children to learn at home. We have work packs available and also work on Purple Mash and Twitter (which can also be accessed on the school website class pages). Again, our message to parents is to do what you can with the children. In the current climate, the last thing that you or they need is a battle over work. If we can help in any way, please get in touch.

When lockdown started, we asked for names of children of ‘critical workers’, who could attend school with a small group of other children. We based our staffing levels on these numbers and our risk assessments only let us allocate up to a certain number of children. Over the weeks, we have had many more applications for places of critical workers and we are now at capacity in many year groups. Whilst we would wish to accommodate all requests, we cannot keep taking in more and more children so as to maintain safe levels of provision. If we can accommodate children, we will, but please do not be offended if we say that we are full as we are only trying to keep everyone safe. The Government has also said that where possible, children of critical workers should only attend when is necessary and if parents and carers can keep them at home on certain days, they should do so- which will again reduce the numbers in school.

Finally, you will have seen that we were nominated for an Educate Award for Outstanding PE Provision in A Primary School. We did not win the award, but to be nominated was a huge achievement and I would like to say well done to all of the staff and especially Mrs Hallinan who co-ordinates P.E.

The teachers will be contacting you to check in with the children this week and if you miss a call, they will call you back to check in.

Take care everyone

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liam Daniels".

Mr L Daniels
Headteacher

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