



Welton Primary School

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Dear Families,

I thought I would write to firstly thank you for your ongoing support at this difficult time - it's very much appreciated - and secondly, to update you with regards to our plans going forward. I am proud to say that the staff here at Welton have been working tirelessly to ensure that your children continue to receive a great education. Having potentially had over 60 key worker and vulnerable children wishing to attend school, we have had to be very clear in our need to ensure that only pupils of parents central to the Covid response and/or vulnerable pupils were allocated a space. I know you will support us in our need to ensure our staff and pupils are safe as we support the national effort to save lives and protect the NHS.

Tomorrow will of course be the first day of 'home learning' following our two INSET days. As I have already said, the staff here are working incredibly hard to ensure this works well however we anticipate that there will be a few teething problems to begin with. Please bear with us if the technology doesn't behave! Our aim is to sort the issues out this week so that next week is smooth running with all children at home receiving at least one live lesson a day with differentiated activities in maths, English and topic. We still have some work books here at school that are waiting to be collected - these will support the online work. If you have not collected them yet, please arrive any day between 10am and 2pm this week.

As you would expect we will be monitoring the engagement with the home learning so it is very important that you let us know of any difficulties you may be having. An attendance register will be taken each day. If you do have any questions or issues, I would request that you contact the school office in the first instance as teachers will not be able to reply through direct messages on social media or email. This may mean that an issue is not solved immediately, but I want to reduce the amount of work for the team who are working on home learning and supporting teaching and learning in school. If your child has been accepted to attend school, normal school rules will apply with full school uniform and high standards of behaviour and attention to detail in learning.

So, thank you for your patience while we get things 'up and running'. We know how challenging this situation is for everyone and respect the difficulties in home learning for you as parents. We have planned to ensure that live lessons do not clash with each other so if you have siblings in different classes, they will not be disadvantaged. I will keep you updated as necessary over the coming weeks.

With safe, best wishes,

Mr J Snell
Head Teacher

