



Thank you!

- On behalf of all of the staff here, I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. The little messages of thanks, or updates on successes really do help to brighten our days and it is lovely to see so many of the children attending live lessons.
- For some of you, this will be a hugely challenging time and you may be struggling to find that balance at home, supporting your child with home learning whilst still juggling work or other children who also need your help or attention. It can be hard to keep your child motivated and engaged, especially when schools are being asked to set a full curriculum for children with an expectation that learning continues.
- If you are someone who is finding this a challenge, please rest assured you are not the only one. You can only do your best and your best is absolutely good enough. If you are concerned about how your child is getting on with their learning, please do contact us through the school messaging system and someone from the class will get back to you. This won't always be straight away as generally staff are all in school, teaching those children who are in as well as delivering learning online too.
- Sometimes a chat with the child themselves to agree learning moving forward or expectations will help, or just a conversation between you and the teacher could help to move things forward.
- Sadly, whilst we would absolutely love to, we can not have all children back in school at this time and where children can be at home they still should be. That doesn't mean however, we don't want to support and help where we can, so please do make contact if you need to.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

In the previous lockdown, you may have been aware that we opened during the Easter and May Half Term break to provide childcare for children of critical workers. We were able to do this as we had all staff on rotas meaning that they could take their allocated holiday outside of the holiday period. With no more than 35 children attending school across 3 bubbles and we ran with a skeleton staff on site. However, as of next week, we are running with 11 class bubbles, meaning the overwhelming majority of staff on site at all times, planning and delivering a full curriculum.

As such, we will NOT be opening during the February half term, so please do make alternative arrangements as you would do in usual times. If you work in frontline NHS and are really struggling to find childcare, please contact by the end of next week and we may be able to signpost you to support.

Other notices...

- We are extremely thankful to the anonymous donor who attends a local church congregation who donated 23 Chromebooks to school to be given to children from our school who really need them. We are pleased to say these have been allocated to children across the school.
- You will have seen the poster sent home and on the google classroom about an appeal for 'Lockdown Legends' to support us to make links with residents of a local care home, who may be feeling alone and isolated at these times. Please do encourage your child(ren) to support this and bring a smile to someone's day.