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Dear Parents and Carers,

Home Learning

Thank you for continuing to support your children at home. You are doing an amazing job! It seems we are going to have to wait for several weeks or months before schools are able to open and run normally again. The longer the school remains closed, the more important it is that each and every child is completing work at home. Here's a little reminder of what is on offer.

Every day there are three core tasks: reading, writing and maths. If your child does these they will make steady progress and they won't fall behind. There are lots of other activities including RE lessons, Mrs Lockett's lovely music and Mrs Talbot's PE to keep your child busy and remind them of 'real' school. If you haven't looked at Seesaw for a while, do please try to get back to it this coming week so that we can hit the 100% participation target. We are nearly there! As always, we are here to help so if you have any problems with logins, reluctant children, learning struggles or anything else, just get in touch. If we can help to get your child onto the learning platform, it is really easy for them to hear the teacher's voice and see their friends.

School Reopening

The school remains open for pupils of key workers and these children are taught in small groups known as 'bubbles'. The plan to open the school on June 15th to pupils in Year 6 is going ahead, subject to all key indicators (R rate etc.) being met. Parents who have requested a place will be sent detailed instructions towards the end of next week. These children, plus the children already attending, will form 14 bubbles, each in a separate classroom. It is looking unlikely that we will be able to open to further year groups because the school will then be full and the two-metre spacing is mandatory. I share your disappointment at this news and I know that every day we are closed, the burden on you as parents, increases.

Our Community

Every day, I am grateful to be a part of our wonderful school community. Your children bring joy to so many in all that they do. Last week children in school made cards and wrote letters to isolated parishioners. Deacon John contacted the school to say that many were moved to tears by the beautiful words and drawings. Children at home are doing so well... in a world turned upside down. So, amidst the worries, maybe take a little time to feel proud of everything you have done to get through this challenge so far, and have faith that we will turn a corner before too long.

Best wishes,

Mrs Galloway