

Dear Parents,

We are all adjusting to our new reality, with a small group of children in school and the vast majority working at home with great guidance from you.

The school is now only open for children of Key Workers for whom there is no other care option. The safest place is at home. Always follow Public Health England guidance for isolation periods.

Many children are engaging with online challenges through the Seesaw platform which is already proving to be a great place for them to connect with the teachers and with each other. Already, prompted by Seesaw posts, we have: windows full of rainbows, plant-growing projects starting on kitchen tables, teams researching Rockhopper penguins and maths lessons being photographed and shared.

Older children are videoing themselves reading picture books for younger ones to enjoy and messages of encouragement and appreciation abound. It is heartwarming to see the children helping each other to adjust to learning at home, offering advice and answering each other's questions.

We are respecting the permission previously given for the sharing of photographs and videos across the school using this platform. If our records show that you have given us permission, we are selecting appropriate posts from your children to share, either with the year group, or on some occasions, with other year groups as well.

The infants have loved the picture books read for them by juniors. The children are clearly delighted when they see posts from their classmates and friends, and their work improves as they glean inspiration and feedback from each other.

We thank you for your ongoing encouragement and support.

Best wishes,

OLOP Team