



8th January 2021

Dear Parents

I am writing to update you on what has been a very difficult week for all at home and school.

Firstly, may I thank you for your support and patience while we have been putting all the key areas into place. The Government gave us no warning about the current lockdown and we only received information at the same time as you. Staff have worked immensely hard to get school ready and remote learning up and running swiftly.

This lockdown is very different and an immense challenge for all at home and school. It is important to know that 90% of staff are in school everyday leading 5 classes of critical workers which can be over 50 children altogether in any one day. On top of this teachers are also delivering remote learning which they are extremely committed to deliver to the best of their ability. It must also be remembered that many staff also have their own children to support with learning during these times.

This is not a complaint, but I want you to understand that it is a difficult time for all. Just as it is for you at home with remote learning and trying to balance this with working from home and other commitments. I am sure that everyone is doing their best and only want the best for the children in our care.

Staff will use a range of techniques for home learning and using evidence-based research there isn't one which is more successful than another. Please do not compare us with other schools but understand staff will be thinking about the children in their class, resources available and the devices children have for access. Remote learning will evolve and change as we progress through the weeks. Different classes will be taking different approaches to have the best impact. I would especially encourage all children to attend live events the staff will be doing which will give children a chance to socially interact and spend time sharing learning. These meetings will help support your child's wellbeing greatly.

Your support and efforts over the first two days have been amazing with the quality of learning and the number of children completing tasks. Please encourage your child to be as involved as much as possible within your circumstances. We do appreciate that you have many plates to spin with work, families with more than one sibling and the barriers that can be experienced with technology. If we can help please don't hesitate to contact us through phone, email, TEAMs and Tapestry.

We have supported a campaign by BBC Radio Lincolnshire for laptops and have had some fantastic donations of new laptops from our local community. This means we are now in the position to offer these to any families who haven't got one or need another device due to the number of children requiring access online at home. Please don't hesitate to contact us to find out more as we are really keen for them all to be used.

Mrs Whalen has contacted FSM families and next week we will start a weekly food pack which can either be picked up or delivered. Please monitor your texts for updates.

Finally, please look after yourselves and follow the Covid restrictions so we can get our fantastic children all back in school as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mr D W Hodgson