



Tannery Drift First School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the week I would like to start by saying how proud I am of the children, families and staff team. I know that the change to plans as a result of the national lockdown has been unsettling for all. Whether learning at home or in school I know that so many of the children are working hard and trying their very best.

Covid-19 Reporting

If your child or your household have a positive case of COVID-19, or are self-isolating, please continue to notify us even if your child is currently not attending school. We have to report daily information to the DfE.

We are aware that the number of cases in the community is increasing so it is essential that cases are reported.

Laptops

We have begun to receive some enquiries about availability of laptops being provided to schools by the Department for Education (DfE). We are awaiting our delivery and will then need our ICT team to set them up and install all necessary software.

Please be aware that very few laptops (a single figure quantity) have been allocated to the school and we have only been offered equipment for Key Stage 2 pupils, nothing is currently due to be supplied to us for Early Years or Key Stage 1 children.

A local charity (William Lee Charity) has very kindly offered us a cash donation so that we can purchase additional devices and some members of our community have come forward to offer laptops they no longer require that are in good working condition. We are very grateful for the kindness of our community in helping support those families most in need at this time.

Learning at Home

As with the lockdown last year we know that some families very much enjoyed home learning and for others it was a much more challenging experience for a variety of reasons.

Please don't feel under pressure to 'keep up' with someone else's version of home learning, or worried that the school is judging your home schooling. This really is not the case, everyone's home circumstances are different and what is possible in one home may not be in another, this is absolutely normal and perfectly acceptable.

There will be times when the children are keen, even excited, about their learning and times when they are not. Home learning will be a better experience for you and your child if you are led by them a little; if they really cannot concentrate they may need to run off some energy, don't forget that at school they have a large playground and field to run around! Equally if they are very much enjoying what they are doing and want to spend longer on an activity (and you have the time!), let them – when they return to school they may be able to share some fun new facts and information with their class.

Your child may have completed all of their home learning tasks today or just one, this is fine! Keep encouraging them to do their best and don't allow yourself to become too stressed by the process.

*Be gentle
with
yourself...
You're doing
the best
you can.*

Teachers have enjoyed receiving some of the work that children have been completing at home. We are planning to share some of this with you in these weekly updates so that you can see what everyone is up to during this lockdown and help us all stay a little more connected.

Help with Printing

Local organisations have been finding different ways to support families in our community over the past year. This week sales and lettings agent Wellington Wise have shared a very kind offer on their social media page. For families who do not have access to a printer but feel that printed documents would be of use they are offering to print work and even deliver it to you if required. They ask that you call them 01763 294448 or email sales.rouston@wellingtonwise.co.uk and they will help.

Such a kind offer from a local business during tricky times for everyone!

I hope that you are all able to have a restful weekend with the opportunity to perhaps get a little fresh air each day. Stay safe and well.

Kind wishes,

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