

## **Ellingham C of E Primary School**

### **Coronavirus Update 4**

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support during such a challenging time.

Those of us in school, pupils and staff, are working hard to prepare well for online learning, as well as working on activities and strategies to help manage change and stress. Your children have been reminded that they all have 'super-powers' and can do good for others as well as themselves. We are still learning and having fun. Dylan the duck has been a great addition to our school community, especially as caring for someone else, animal or human, is good for us all.

All of our pupils will need guidance and support from adults around them in completing home tasks. Doing daily tasks, and been checked-in with by an adult, will help give them structure and avoid anxiety. We are happy to support you all with any questions etc. via the usual communication routes.

Tomorrow, we will celebrate our achievements, friendships and fun. We sincerely hope that tomorrow is not the end of our school year, especially for our Year 6 pupils. At some point, we hope still to sort Leavers' hoodies. Donations of tins for the food bank will be gratefully received and delivered by us. Tomorrow is colourful, non-uniform. We hope to re-home all PE kits and belongings tonight, so school can be deep-cleaned.

I am in communication with local Headteachers, discussing and preparing for what provision may look like for our vulnerable and key worker families. There is a lot to consider around this and I will be in touch as soon as we know more.

Even if our school is not in use for provision, staff will be expected to work at a different location, as well as provide daily learning for all other pupils.

Friday will be the last school day, for now, for the vast majority of our pupils. We are extremely proud of them all and sad that this situation is as it is. We wish you all a safe journey through this deeply worrying time.

Kindest regards,

Diane Lakey