

Headteacher's Blog March 2020

Lockdown Week 1

This has been the most surreal week in my 30+ years of teaching.

We have welcomed a decreasing number of pupils from critical worker families. What we have learned this week is, that in a usual school day there are never enough hours in the day and time flies, but this week the days are long and it is hard for us all to stay focused on tasks for very long.

Watching the remaining pupils in our care doing their homework tasks; needing lots of breaks and physical activity, made me realise that being safe and well is the most important thing. Please do homework at a suitable pace for you and your family, as we all have enough stress from elsewhere at the moment. Structure is reassuring and valuable for children, but we all need time to just relax and process things, so please look after everyone's wellbeing first and foremost – you know your children best.

Our childcare provision looks like not being needed for the next few weeks, but if you are a critical worker and your work situation changes, we will be there for you- just keep in touch.

Please let us know if you have not accessed School360, as we can see some pupils have not made contact or used online resources yet. We are here to help.

During next week, I will send out information about an Easter Challenge, which will replace the daily homework.

Please remind your children to stay safe online and check-in with what they are accessing.

Thank you for all the amazing homework that has been done so far!

Kind regards,

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