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Remote Learning

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to say I hope you and your families are continuing to stay safe during the current lockdown.

The move to remote learning for the majority of our pupils has been a steep learning curve for all involved, for the teachers having to adapt to new ways of working, to the children who are so used to working with their teachers in a classroom and also for parents who are often having to juggle their own work from home while also supporting their children's learning.

Thank you for all the positive feedback you have given us over the last week regarding our remote learning offer. As previously communicated, we are working as a staff to further develop what we are able to offer our children currently working from home. We have been overwhelmed with the way families are engaging with the home learning. While there is no substitute for children being in school, we are determined that while the current restrictions are in place, that children have access to the same high quality learning that they would receive in school.

I would also like to say that while some parents have expressed anxiety over their ability to support their children with the work or worries that their child could fall behind, please rest assured that you are doing a fantastic job. Do what you are able and we will ensure that children get high quality work each day and when it is safe for them to return to school, our dedicated staff will ensure that no child is left behind.

If any parent is experiencing difficulties with the remote learning, please do not hesitate to contact school for support.



I have published on the school website a video created by Miss Sowerby (our schools TEAMS champion) explaining how to upload your children's work so that teachers can assess it and provide feedback and praise. <https://stwilliams.bhcet.org.uk/information/parents/homework/> . We love to see what your children are achieving at home and seeing children's work helps teachers plan future lessons.

Please continue to use the chat function on TEAMS to speak to teachers and teaching assistants. While the chat function has been temporarily disabled, I have been assured that this will be back up and running by the end of the week. Staff will endeavour to respond to messages as soon as they are able but please bare in mind that messages sent over a weekend or on an evening may not get an immediate response.

We had initially planned to have our Spring term Parents meetings in February before half term and we will be communicating plans for this with you in due course but as previously stated please contact school if there are any urgent matters that you need support with.

Thank you for your continued support and all you are doing to help your children during these difficult times.

Stay safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M D Tiplady', written in a cursive style.

Mr M D Tiplady
Headteacher