

## Thirsk Community Primary School

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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

I hope that you are all keeping well and safe during this time of national lockdown. This week has been a time where we are all slowly starting to adjust to new routines and new expectations, both at school and away from school. Thank you for your patience with this.

## **Pupils coming in to school**

Please can I remind you that if you are a critical worker we are able to support you to enable you to go to work. However, please consider us as a last resort. A positive test within a bubble would mean that the whole bubble would have to close and all children in that bubble –48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms – would need to isolate.

I am also aware that locally there is a high number of positive cases, if your child is coming in to school it is paramount, for the safety of all staff and pupils, that the National guidelines are followed closely. The message from the government remains 'Stay at home, protect the NHS, and save lives'.

## **Remote learning**

Hopefully by now everyone is beginning to get to grips with remote learning. There has been some fantastic work submitted –see the photos! The expectations during this lockdown are that pupils complete remote learning and then submit it to their teacher for marking. The aim being to try and prevent children missing out on all of their learning. Full details are available on the school website. If you are struggling with technology please let the school know, we can then look at how we can further support you.

During this period of school closure your child's teacher remains as your main point of contact they are available between 8.50 -4.00pm Monday to Friday, where your child has two teachers e.g. Year 4 –both Mrs Turner and Mrs Atkinson will be available on their normal working days. Additionally, during the week, there will be one afternoon or morning that your teacher is not available to respond to messages. This is where teachers are planning the next weeks learning. Any messages left during this time will be responded to by your child's teacher at the next available opportunity. If during this time ,your need is urgent –please contact the school office. Your child's teacher will inform you of which afternoon or morning this is.

Each week your child's teacher will be in contact to keep in touch. If there are concerns that remote learning is not being submitted then your child's teacher will be in contact more frequently—this is to provide support to help with remote learning. Again if technology is the barrier please contact school. Each class is holding a weekly zoom meeting, the focus of this is wellbeing and to keep the children feeling part of the class and involved. Each week, we are also going to be celebrating remote learner of the week and school based learner of the week this will be as part of a recorded celebration assembly on Mondays.

Take care, and keep going

Mr Chandler







