

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for continuing to help us keep our children, staff, parents and members of the community safe. Please continue to keep your children at home if they are unwell and when any member of your household or support bubble has tested positive for Covid-19, has symptoms or is awaiting a test.

It is also vital that you keep us informed about any Covid-related issues, including during the evenings or at weekends by using our dedicated Covid-19 email.

Covid19@ellington.northumberland.sch.uk.

This can be accessed through our website at www.ellingtonprimaryschool.co.uk, which contains links to all the latest guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health England.

In addition to the remote learning activities that are online, class teachers have produced packs of paper-based activities for children having to self-isolate that will be sent home with them if they are sent home from school or can otherwise be collected from the main office. Please continue to communicate with class teachers via their class emails.

The children are working extremely hard in school as we attempt to help them to catch up from the learning that they missed due to school closure. We are nevertheless trying to ensure that learning remains fun for them in spite of the restrictions placed on us. To this end, and to support a charity that has always been close to our hearts, we will be having a Pudsey pyjama day on Friday.

Children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas, dressing gowns, onesies etc. or they can wear Pudsey shirts or jumpers if they have them. To keep us all safe, however, we will not be collecting money in school on Friday but you can make a donation via the Children in Need website at bbc.co.uk/pudsey if you would like to.

In view of the ongoing restrictions that are placed on all of us, I would also like to inform you that there will be no Christmas performances this year and that reports will not be sent out this term but in the spring and summer terms only. Parent consultations will also be held in the spring and summer terms and will be virtual or telephone appointments if the situation has not changed.

Finally, we currently have three parent governor vacancies that will be advertised shortly. Please contact me by telephone if you are interested in becoming a governor and you would like further information about the role.

Thank you for your continued support.

K Vardy

Headteacher