

Ellington Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all parents, including critical workers, who are keeping their children at home whenever they can in line with the latest government guidelines that state that parents and carers **should** keep their children at home if they can.

We are trying to keep the school environment as safe as we possibly can for those who have absolutely no other safe option available to them and to limit the transmission of Covid-19 that is currently spreading at a frightening rate.

We believe that the children are safest when they are at home with you at the present time, although we appreciate the significant challenge that it presents for parents who have their own commitments to balance.

Although our nursery is open in line with guidance, we believe that the above also applies to parents and carers of nursery children and we hope that, if you can keep your children safe at home with you, it is a decision that you will make.

We are grateful to parents for the fantastic job that you are doing in home-schooling your children and, to support parents of children in our nursery and reception classes with remote learning, we will be sending you an email inviting you to join our School360 app. This will enable you to view your child's learning journal and to upload pictures of their learning from home. A step by step guide to setting up the app has been posted on our website in the nursery and reception sections of the home learning page. Please contact Miss Robinson or Miss Nicholson via their class emails if you encounter any difficulties.

The latest information on remote learning, which applies to all parents, is also on our website and includes support that is available for families who are struggling with the technology required to access it. This includes guidance on how you may be able to apply for temporary increased data allowances and/or devices.

Please remember to email work that your children have done at home, or make arrangements with class teachers to share work if this is not possible, so that they can provide feedback and monitor the children's engagement. Home learning is not simply about spending time online of course and our website points to many activities that are aimed at the development of children's creativity, physical and mental wellbeing. We hope that this will also enable you to enjoy some family time, which is so important at the moment.

We will be displaying examples of things that the children have done at home on our website and teachers will be leaving video messages for their classes.

Thank you once again for your cooperation, support and understanding in helping us to keep you, your children, our staff and members of our community as safe as we possibly can.

Yours sincerely

Mr K Vardy (Headteacher)

Mr B Nelson (Chair of Governors)