



2nd February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have completed almost a whole month of home schooling now and the routines and online learning are going very well. We have been working extremely hard to provide learning that reaches all of our children and as much face-to-face time as we can. We have been overwhelmed with the number of children that are engaging with this and rising to the challenge. Along with all of the expectations of home learning, I would like to acknowledge the importance of ensuring our mental health stays positive. I understand first hand how difficult being at home and trying to keep up with the demands of all of the children's learning can be and would like to remind all parents that we are here to support you all. It is a huge task trying to juggle schooling, as well as everything there is to do at home, especially if you have more than one child. From all of us here at school.....thank you!!

As a new government directive, all primary school staff across the country will now be taking lateral flow COVID tests twice a week. Woolpit staff began to do this last week and so far, after much training and organisation, it has been a really positive initiative. It gives us as staff and the children that are having to attend school the reassurance that safety measures are being taken to keep the school environment as safe as we can. This does mean, as we are regularly testing, that if any member of staff tests positive we will need to close their bubble and isolate until an official COVID test has been taken. In the event of a positive test result taken at a COVID test centre, the usual procedures, which are outlined in our risk assessment, will apply.

During the half term break school will be closed. This is to ensure that staff get a break as they are working over and above the usual expectation and that the children also get a rest. There will be no work set for the half term week.

As this week is Mental Health week, take the time to stop, pause and reset where you can. We would love to see any photos of the activities the children do when they are 'expressing themselves'.

Kind regards

Mrs Clayton

Headteacher