



Edenfield C E Primary School

25th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and surviving under the pressure of lockdown and online learning (remote education). We continue to acknowledge that this is a very challenging situation for all of our parents, and children, and we will do anything we can to support you through this crises. As the partial school closure looks set to continue for longer than originally forecast (although there has not been any formal confirmation of this), I thought it crucial to update you with the latest advice and information.

We have been so impressed with the level of engagement from our pupils at home, especially when the age of our younger pupils is taken into account. They have learned a new level of independence we could never have thought possible and perhaps this is one of the positives we can take from this situation. I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and patience. Thank you also for the many emails I have received thanking the teachers for all of their enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment. This feedback is well deserved as I have observed first hand their dedication and the long hours spent planning lessons to combine live teaching (both at home and at school) with the lessons uploaded onto the classroom. They too have acquired new skills and knowledge as they navigate this new educational pathway.

You should have seen and read our statement: ***Remote education – Information for Parents*** on the school website (uploaded to the Curriculum page). You will be aware that we have to monitor engagement with remote learning on a daily basis and contact parents if any issues arise. We continue to reinforce that we will support you through this process with strategies and advice, and on a more practical level we may be able to loan ICT devices (conditions apply). With this in mind, if your child at home is going to be absent from the lessons, please can you make sure you contact school and notify of us of the reason as you would any absence from school. We will continue to follow up missed lessons with a phone call on a daily basis to find out the reason for the absence. We hope that this will enable us to identify any issues with accessing online provision promptly, and action any necessary support.

We are already acutely aware of the impact missing school may have on our children. Hence we are trying to provide the best possible online provision possible. Failure to engage with this could have a serious and longstanding impact on your child's progress and widen the gap between them and their peers. We have a joint responsibility to try and avoid this as much as possible. We have also witnessed that spending time with their classmates, albeit via online platforms, does have a positive impact on pupils' well-being and emotional health during this period of lockdown when contact with friends and loved ones is restricted.

Whilst we aim to be available to help as much as we possibly can during work hours, please could I politely request that parents refrain from contacting teachers by email over the weekend and after

6pm. If you have an urgent query, please contact head@edenfield.lancs.sch.uk at **any** time and I will assist during this 'after school' period.

Please rest assured all of these procedures are in place to protect your child's education. We will do our absolute best to cater for all of our children, both at home and in school. We are also ensuring as many families as possible have access to the school places to which they are entitled, in line with government guidance.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you need any help or guidance with online teaching and learning, or if you just need a chat after a long and challenging day. We will support you and your children in any way that we can.

Yours faithfully

Charlotte Garner

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Headteacher

Guided by God, following in his footsteps

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path