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'One federation family, with transformation at its heart'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we are almost at the end of our second week of 'school closure' and 'remote learning' and it has been a challenge for all to say the least! However, as a school and village community I can honestly say that we have risen to that challenge and we are all doing our bit to support this national lockdown to drive down this virus in the hope that we can get back to some normality in the not too distant future.

The schools have been working hard over the last 10 days to ensure that all your needs are catered for. If we have not heard from you and you need support, then please do contact us through the usual channels. We are more than willing to discuss how we can help not matter how big or small the issues are.

Remote learning is difficult and different! As a school we are under no illusions that educating your child at home is a real challenge for you. Many of my staff (including myself) are going through the same processes trying to deliver remote education, trying to manage work commitments, trying to access technology including websites, trying to navigate through on-line platforms and trying to get the right balance of work and relaxation. All whilst being a parent! In my opinion there is no right and wrong way to your approach. **Your main priorities should be to keep the children safe and secure in their environment and keep them happy and loved.** Only after that can we really think about moving their learning forward.

We know that our remote learning is not perfect but we are continually taking feedback from you to ensure that it improves. Our 'offer' is exactly that – an 'offer'. We have tried hard to provide your child with enough learning, through online tutorials, pre-recorded lessons, written activities, power points and structured timetables to allow them access education at home. We also know that every child and family is unique and that your ability to access this offer is very different to the next family. Your technology, the number of children in the family, your work commitments all have an impact on how much you can do with your children. Do not compare yourself to the next family but just do your best! We are always here to guide you and support your children through their home learning. Your feedback to us is essential.



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I have attached to this email the DFE template for our remote learning which we are required to publish on our website. If you have not visited the website www.woldsandvalefederation.co.uk it has a wealth of information regarding remote learning including guides for Class Dojo.

I would like to finish by saying that I owe a huge debt to my teachers, teaching assistants, admin, support staff, catering staff, cleaners and everyone else who has contributed to the tremendous effort over the last week to take on board the requirements of lockdown and roll them out in our school.

Have a well-deserved rest this weekend,

Kind regards

Ian Taylor

Did you know.....

The Romans invented the calendar we use today. January is named after the Roman god Janus who was the god of gates and doorways. He is always drawn with two faces looking in opposite directions – one face looks back at the year that passed, and the other looks forward to the New Year.

I'm not sure I really want to look back at the year that has just passed!