



Ashford Park Primary School

'Inspiring a love for lifelong learning'

24th January 2021

Dear Children, Parents, Carers,

I wanted to write to thank you all for your continued positivity throughout a situation of which the majority of us have never experienced within our own lifetime, and have very little knowledge about. The uniqueness and strangeness that we find ourselves in, either as individuals, as families, as children and as adults, means that we are drawing upon emotions, resilience and reserves rarely experienced before on a day to day basis!

On a positive note, the children of APPS have been phenomenally nurtured by you as their parents and for that, we **thank you**. Your patience and perseverance with remote learning has been and will continue to be essential, as who truly knows what the future holds? I send my heartfelt thanks to our critical workers, especially those who are working face to face / mask to mask with this vile disease. It continues to be an honour to educate your children face to face at our great school. As a mum and grandmother myself, I am in huge admiration of my staff who are juggling their own teaching commitments, supporting their own children's schoolwork and keeping going so positively whilst also surviving a global pandemic.

We are often 'amused' by You Tube, Face Book, Instagram videos, which joke about the huge stresses of home learning, BUT, please be reminded that we are all here for each other. We know that we are setting a huge amount of work for your children to complete daily, along with the additional stresses of technology at times letting families down, however; PLEASE be reminded to be kind to yourself and we know that you are doing your best. It is SO important that we respect the safety of each and every one of us and that we follow the government expectations of, '**Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be, as this will protect the NHS and save lives**'. We send our LOVE and best wishes, to our five Acorn staff members, who are all unwell, having tested positive for Covid. Covid has become a very real threat even at our great school, despite schools being described as safe.

Communication remains paramount. If you need advice re your children's learning, please remember to email your child's year group for help and advice. The three live check-ins per day, allow the children to share their thoughts, and helps us as a school, to not just enjoy seeing the children's smiling faces, but also helps us, to ascertain the children's physical and mental wellbeing. Our Home School Link Worker, Sam Girvan is available if you need to talk challenging situations through, our website is up to date **AND** in the meantime, ENJOY the SNOW!

With kind regards,

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