



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your commitment to trying our best during this very tricky time for all. We know that parents are juggling many commitments at home and thank you for your efforts through this time. We know that by being closed and reducing contacts between people, it is helping in the national effort to reduce the spread ultimately, less lives are at risk.

Once again, we would like to reiterate that not everyone can have a place at the school just because individuals are finding it hard. We know it is difficult but everyone must do their best by working within the rules of lockdown and completing remote learning.

As a school we are continuing to provide activities to support the children in their learning journey whilst being at home. We have appreciated reading the emails from parents who have taken the time to share their praise of what we have put in place. The staff are very encouraged with this as like many parents they are also juggling home and work life commitments during this lockdown.

## Remote Learning

I would like to inform parents that the task of delivering the remote learning whether it be live, pre-recorded videos or other independent activities is very hard. However, the staff at Launde have fully embraced this approach with no notice at the beginning of this term. I would like to thank the many parents who are supporting the hard work behind the scenes, patiently working out the IT systems and understanding the glitches in broadband that everyone staff and children alike have on occasion.

When teachers are delivering live lessons, they are for the children so that they can interact with the teacher and members of their class. The lessons are **NOT** for parents to interrupt and ask questions of the teacher. This is not fair on the teacher and also not an appropriate time to discuss other things. If a parent has a question for the teacher then this must be communicated via email and not during the live lessons.

We know some families are struggling to do everything and once again please do as much as you can, if you cannot do it all within time scales, please do not worry. We know each family's circumstance is different and that you are trying your best. However, there a few children who do not appear to have accessed the learning provision at all and understandably we are concerned. If your child has not logged in and accessed the learning then we will be ringing to ask why so that we can put the appropriate support in place to help your child.

## Laptops – Thank You

This week, again, we would like to say a thank you to parents for laptops that have been donated. Your generosity and team spirit is very much appreciated. Thank you very much.

## Look what we have been up to

There are some children who have demonstrated a huge level of commitment to online learning and resilience in their learning over the past few weeks. There are many children who were sent through to us who could have achieved this accolade however here are a few.

Maariyah in Fourfold has really improved on her reading skills and Inayah in Beehive has shown a super writing improvement. Maliakah in Rivendell has shown real commitment to online learning. In Year 6, Aarav has shown determination and frequently engaged in live lessons, Laura who goes above and beyond for every piece of work, regardless of the activity and Aishah tackles each challenge with enthusiasm and determination. Well done to one and all. I am sure there will be more to come in the upcoming weeks.



Here are some super photographs of Year 2 who held a Roald Dahl day recently based on the books that have been studying in their remote learning. Here are some photos of children taking part in the day at home, dressed as Roald Dahl characters. A special mention has to also go to Mr Frost who was a real sport and dressed up for the day with key workers at school!



Congratulations also to Rivendell who received a reply to their letters from the Home Office this week. They wrote to share their views on refugees in the country following work they had been doing in class. A super opportunity for children to know their opinions on current issues are valued and that children do have a voice.

## Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health week in the country. This is very important, especially at the moment when children and adults may be stuck inside self-isolating or not being able to chat to their friends. You will notice next week some of the learning will be based on this theme and there is an assembly which will be shown on Oak Academy. To support you further, our Parent Officer has complied a useful newsletter that accompanies this one with further information and support. Please do take the time to reflect on the importance of looking after each other and doing something that is good for you. We finish this newsletter with a very pertinent message from Siseng in Year 2.

