



Yealmpton Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you have all had a successful week of remote learning and with the help of the pre-recorded videos you're beginning to get into a routine with it all now. Thank you most sincerely to all those of you who have sent in compliments about our staff. This has meant so much and really helped to motivate them as we navigate the regularly changing guidance and directives to keep our children as safe as possible whilst still offering a quality curriculum.

We have planned a blended approach of live Team sessions and narrated power points as we know families need to juggle work and home commitments with supporting home learning. This lockdown is a challenge for all of us and we hope the narrated Power points are helping provide clear teaching instruction and guidance.

We have already noticed the positive impact the videos and live sessions have had on the work being submitted, so they have been well worth the first time nerves and the time they take to produce. Thank you for embracing the remote learning and giving your children the best opportunities to learn at home.

Thank you for those of you regularly submitting your child's work to the teachers using either the class email or posting on the Class Teams page. Submitting the children's work is really important as it gives each teacher the opportunity to see what the children are doing and offer feedback to move the learning on.

When the children do return to us, the teachers will also have a really clear idea of what stage the children's learning is at so they can swiftly move them on and also plug any necessary gaps. The Teachers will do their best to respond to emails in a timely way during the working day, and I politely request that you also do not email them after 5.00pm to support everyone's work life balance.

Please also note if you request a phone call from a teacher, they are unlikely to be able to call you until the face to face teaching day is over after 3.15 pm, they will however respond to emails as and when they can throughout the day during pockets of time.

We very much miss the children in school and we're looking forward to the day we are all back together again. The daily live sessions give the children in school and home an opportunity to talk about their learning so far, the learning ahead and discuss anything the children want to, and time for a story for some of the younger children. The live Teams are designed to get the children and staff together, chatting informally and improving verbal communication and wellbeing.

Thank you to all our critical workers who have cancelled their bookings for POSE when able, every little helps in lowering the risk with working with lower numbers.

Stay safe and well everybody,

Louise Young



Dear Amazing Yealmpton Children,

Hello all of you! I hope you and your families are well and working hard at home with your remote learning. I wanted to write and let you know how proud we all are of you trying your best with your remote learning.

I know it isn't easy concentrating on school work at home, but back at school we are trying to think of as many ways as possible to make this easier for you and your parents. Your parents might not have told you this, but they are probably finding remote learning as hard as you are, because they have so many other things to think about too. Please do your very best to help your parents by working as hard as you can, I know they will love to see just how clever, confident and independent you are.

I wanted to let you all know that the teachers have been really impressed with the work you have been sending in via email and we hope you enjoy getting emails back from them about your learning. If you want to talk to your Teacher, just let them know in an email via your parent and they will call you as soon as they can.

This week I hope you've enjoyed watching all of the videos the teachers have been recording for you? I'll let you into a little secret - the teachers were SO nervous about recording them for the first time as they have never done anything like this before. I hope you like them as much as I do and find them useful for your learning. Make sure you say a big well done to your teacher when you speak to them in your next live Team session.

It has been lovely to hear lots of you sharing your ideas and taking part in your daily live Teams meetings with your class friends and teacher. This is a great way for us to stay in touch.

I love reading your poems in school and I found a really short poem online that I would like to share with you. A child called Lincoln wrote about the eventual end of Coronavirus. He is only 11 and lives in the UK, so I thought you might relate well to it and it might give you some hope as we look after each other in our school and home bubbles.

*When it is safe, I'll hold my arms open wide,
And shout to the world 'we can all go outside!'*

Don't give up hope the end is in sight,

If we all stick together, we'll all win this fight!

Keep well all of you and make sure you look after everyone in your home - we're all in this together...

Sending you all lots smiles and virtual hugs.

Ms Young

