

## Message from your Headteacher

As we approach the end of our first week of lock-down, I hope you and your family and friends are remaining safe and well.

I wanted to express my thanks to you for keeping your child(ren) at home where absolutely possible, in order to help delay the spread of Covid19. And also for supporting your child(ren) with distance learning.

These are difficult times and I want you to be reassured - you are doing the right thing for you family.

You have always been the primary educator in your child(ren)'s life, and you always will be.

You know best when they need to rest and forget about work, and when they can be pushed to do a little more.

As we come to the end of our first week of lock-down, I hope you are beginning to develop a rhythm to your life within the new restrictions placed on us. That you are feeling the sense of community amongst us as we all try to do what we can protect vulnerable people. The realisation that the love and safety of our families and friends are of the utmost importance in our lives and that other things, really are far less important. This crisis is a time for us to put things into perspective, and to be kind to ourselves and to others.

As your school we do not expect you to be teachers of Languages, Humanities, Science or any other subject. For secondary age children - you need to merely point them to a way to find out for themselves. For so many years we have intensified learning to an art form, and some children seem to have lost their love of learning along the way. Hopefully the next few weeks and months will rekindle their curiosity in education and help to build in this young generation, a willingness to drive their own learning. When that happens it will surely benefit the whole country, and as this generation of children grow to become tomorrow's adults and leaders, we can be confident that the world will be in safe hands.

Take very good care of yourselves and each other.

Kindest regards

Janette Smith