

Dear all,

After the Prime Ministers announcement yesterday about the alarming increase in COVID19 cases, (especially in our community) as directed, we are moving to Remote Learning until further notice.

First of all I would like to say thankyou to all of you who have made alternative child care arrangements. I know this has been challenging for you at times. This really will enable each member of our Woodham Walter family to stay safe and gives us the chance to slow down the rate of infection in our community.

From tomorrow, (Wednesday) you will be able to access our Home learning package from the website.

Staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that your child's Remote Learning experience mirrors that at school as much as possible. This includes an introduction for the day from the class teachers, a zoomed PE session and the opportunity to come together as a class as or cohort at the end of the day. Here the children are encouraged to interact with each other and the class teacher as they would during a regular school day.

Remote Learning: There is a robust timetable that includes English, maths, topic and PE sessions. All of these (alongside the daily resources) can be found on our school website under the home learning tab.

Please do not feel constricted by the timetable. It is only a guide. Try and follow it, but please do not feel pressured into completing all of the tasks. If, however, your child finishes the tasks set and would benefit from additional activities please utilise the recommended sites listed in our Isolation Document which you will also find posted on our website.

If your child requires a paper copy of the set activities please let us know by the Monday evening. Packs will then be prepared during the week and will be ready for collection by 2.00pm on the FRIDAY so that you can be prepared for the following week.

Posting your work: Each week your child should post their completed work onto Class Dojo or email it to their teacher. Alternatively they can send a message to their teacher on class dojo or showcase it during their afternoon zoom meeting.

Please ensure that work is submitted, at the very latest, by 3.00pm every Thursday. **Myself, or another member of staff will contact you to ensure that you are safe and well on a Friday morning if we have not heard from your child or yourselves during the week.**

I am so very proud of your positivity and the way in which you are supporting your children, each other and the school.

Keep it up, keep going. Together we will stay safe and will be able to look forward to meeting in again person.

The '*Every Cloud*' part of this is that you get to spend more time with your amazing children – and that is a precious thing 😊

Remember that you can email me on head@woodhamwalter.essex.sch.uk if you would like to.

Stay safe

Sue Dodd