

Newsletter and update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's fair to say that this was not the start to the term we were expecting when we were away on the Christmas break, but nevertheless we have ended this first week really positively.

I would like to extend huge thanks and appreciation to everyone who has pulled together this week to ensure that learning can happen for our children, as it should do, at the start of the Spring Term.

The staff at Willow Green have all worked tirelessly this week to ensure that everything is in place for remote learning – it has been a monumental effort by everyone and as I have said on many occasions it is a privilege to work with such a dedicated and talented team.

Access to on-site provision

As you can appreciate we are working on a daily basis to ensure that we are doing everything we can to make Willow Green as safe as it can possibly be for all of our pupils, parents and staff and we are continually reviewing our risk assessments. If there are any updates to our procedures we will let you know as soon as we possibly can.

The current guidance makes it clear that we should ensure that we are reducing social contact as this is the most effective way to limit the spread of COVID-19. With that in mind we are again asking that if you are a critical worker that you only send your child in to school if you need to. The guidance states that **parents who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can**. As in my previous correspondence, I ask that you work with us and follow this guidance to help us to reduce the risk of transmission as much as we possibly can.

Remote Learning

You are all now aware of our approach to remote learning and it has been amazing to see just how many children have accessed lessons this week. Yesterday alone, **82%** of our pupils accessed their lessons – either in class or remotely. With all things considered, this is a superb start. We will continue to work alongside families to support them in accessing our remote education and to ensure that all of our pupils receive the education they deserve.

I have been overwhelmed with the positive feedback we have had from parents, carers and pupils about the learning and the lessons that have taken place this week. I'm sure you will agree that teachers and support staff have done a remarkable job in such challenging circumstances.

I would also like to thank all of the parents and carers for your hard work and dedication to supporting your children. There has been some amazing engagement online, on zoom lessons and on class dojo. We know how challenging this all is for families and we all think you are doing a fantastic job. We will, as always, look to support you in any way we can to make the process of remote learning easier. I have, this week seen some superb work posted by children and I do ask that you continue to support them in completing and uploading the tasks that are being set by the teachers.

Please could I ask you to continue to share your thoughts about home learning – we love to hear your feedback and how things are going for the children too.

I hope you have a safe and restful weekend.

Many thanks,

Mr Parkinson