

Thursday 26th March 2020

Dear Children,

How are you all? I hope you are well and enjoying your time at home. I know that this may feel like a very strange time for you and some of you may feel nervous, scared and sometimes unhappy. I just wanted to write to you to let you know that you really are in the best place and your grown-ups will be doing everything they can to keep you safe.

When we started this term, after Christmas, none of us could have imagined that we would have an extra two weeks off school. At first this might have sounded quite exciting and a bit of an adventure but I know that lots of you have started to worry about what is going to happen, when will you see your friends again and when will you be able to go outside as normal.

The coronavirus is a very nasty Virus, its proper name is SARS-CoV-2 or Covid-19. The first cases were reported in China and now it has spread around the world. Most people who get the virus do not get very ill. Most children who get the virus don't even know they have it as they don't become ill, maybe a cough and a temperature but not very ill.

The reason you have to stay inside is because older people can get very ill and so we don't want to spread the virus around. If we all stay in our own homes then we can't catch it and spread it to our families. Washing our hands lots of times every day and staying in our houses is the only way we can stop the virus spreading in our families.

There are a very few children who are coming to school every day. That is because their mums and dads have to go to work in hospitals or have jobs that are really important to hospitals or getting food into our shops. They are doing the same work as you and have the same timetable as you.

Your teachers are all thinking about you and are really glad that you are safe at home and not going outside. They want all of you to stay safe and healthy so that you can come back to school as soon as the government say that you can. Teachers always look forward to the holidays when they can spend time with their families – just like you – but they do not want to be at home now. They would rather be with you at school and they miss you very much. They do understand that they can't teach you at the moment but they want you to know that they won't forget about you so don't forget about learning your times tables!. They also want to make sure that you are helping as much as you can at home, being honest, not always wanting what others have and remembering that we are not all perfect.

We are nearly at the end of the first week of Home School, so well done if you have been really good at home. Have a lovely weekend of fun and no school work and see you next week in assembly.

Best Wishes

Mrs Quirk