

Week 3 Update

Dear families,

Last week was tough. Week 3 of the lockdown and we are all feeling the strain. Everyone's circumstances are so different. Many of our own staff's children have been set an immense amount of work from their own schools and it has been a real struggle to keep up with it all. Juggling our own jobs, being parents and generally surviving a pandemic, we all really felt the strain last week.

Times are tough at the moment...our mental health is taking a battering; the cold and rainy/snowy weather hasn't helped, so we need to support each other and get through this together.

You are probably wondering where are going with this...

Well, the main reason for writing is to say WELL DONE! You are surviving a pandemic! Whatever your personal circumstances, we think you are doing a great job! If your child has had lots of microwave meals, stayed up too late, played too much on the Xbox and not finished all their school work...THAT'S OK! We know our pupils are **safe, loved and cared for**, and that is the most important thing at the moment. We know that we've got high expectations, and following the government's directive, we've set a lot of work each week. All we ask is that you do your best, you decide what is manageable for your family. If your best is a quick 30 minutes of reading or times tables here and there...that's ok! If you want to do all the work we set...that's OK too. Please do not let school work put any extra pressure on you when you are trying to hold down jobs, earn a living and keep your children safe. Everyone's circumstances are very different and we appreciate that. Do try to keep in touch at least once a week, even if you haven't completed all the work, so that we know how things are going.

Finally, we may be 'closed' to lots of pupils but we are still here emotionally for all of our families. If you need support...a chat...a virtual cuppa...a cry... we are here!

Take care, stay safe and remember that we think you are doing amazing!

Mr Gibson, Mrs Kelsey, Mr Rickaby