

Newnham Junior School



4th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are all safe and well, and thank you for all the hard work you have been doing with your children over this difficult time. In addition to working at school to provide provision for key workers, our staff have been working tirelessly to provide home learning for your children. We have discussed our approach with other local headteachers and all of these schools are following a similar home learning format. However, with the best will in the world, it is impossible to find an approach that suits all of our families.

Every family is different and you will all have your own view about what is best for your children. At Newnham, we think it is vital that we offer flexibility that allows each family to structure each day in a way that suits them. At present, we have been overwhelmed by the number of lovely comments we have received regarding the home learning, with over 90% of the children accessing it, which is fantastic. We particularly enjoy seeing the photos that parents sent in of children participating in non-academic activities. It is inspirational to see children baking, playing games and doing exercise with their families. Please keep this up as doing something positive with your child is worth 10 completed worksheets.

Of course there are no photographs of parents or carers getting frustrated with their children. I think it is important to acknowledge that this will be happening in the majority of households, not just in our school community, but throughout the country. The problem with only seeing the positive photographs is that it might cause us all to think that everyone else is perfect and no-one else is having problems. Hopefully, you realise that you are not alone in your frustration of trying to get your children to work, behave and move away from their electrical devices for a few hours.

We know that you want the best for your children because we see how motivated, happy and respectful they are every day when we teach them at school. Therefore we know that you will be doing your best for them while the school is closed. Please keep this up, keep in contact and keep safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Nahal
Co-Headteacher

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Co-Headteacher

Newnham Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of all pupils and expects all members of the school community to share this commitment.