



MALCOLM SARGENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love To Learn

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Dear Parent/Carer

UPDATE

We hope you and your family are keeping safe and well in this continuing difficult period of time.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank you for your patience, perseverance and support over this period of school closure. It has been a delight to see the engagement of our community in our online learning, receiving photos of what the children have been up to, and hearing about the new skills they have been learning too. Receiving your kind words and feedback on our current curriculum offer is also a highlight of our working week, so thank you for taking the time to send these in; please continue to do so!

We are all still continuing to adjust to this new way of life, finding ways to support each other and cope during this period of social lockdown. We are also continuing to review and adapt the ways in which we are setting our online learning based on your feedback and the activities which have been most successful with the children.

We really do appreciate that this is not an easy time for parents and we are aware that many of you may be having 'battles' with your child about completing work set, or are feeling anxious that they have not completed all the activities. You may also feel that you do not have the expertise to support them with the curriculum content. Please be reassured that any work completed at home supports the continuation of your child's learning, but anything that your child has been unable to complete is not a problem. You cannot, with the best will in the world, replicate school at home. The work we are setting is there to support the children in the continuation of their learning, keeping their minds engaged and allowing them to continue to feel involved and supported by our school community. We are aware that we will have to make suitable curriculum adjustments on our return to school to ensure that any content covered over this period of closure is reviewed on the children's return.

Currently, we are setting work roughly in line with what would be completed in a normal week at school. We do understand that students are likely to complete less work at home and so we are currently reviewing the length of the lessons and activities in line with this. If your child is feeling overwhelmed, then create your own timetable that works for you and your family; try to complete 20 minutes of daily reading, and two maths and two English lessons a week. Any work completed will help to reduce gaps in knowledge. Over the period of closure, some children are likely to build their independent learning skills, stamina and focus and may therefore complete more than the minimum suggested above. If you would like further guidance or support with this, please contact your child's class teacher, either through the Seesaw Inbox function, or

through the enquiries email address. We are more than happy to help you set a timetable, talk through the learning with your child or help in any other way possible.

The Wider Curriculum

It has been fantastic to hear that so many of you have been doing other things with the children to keep them learning, other than the online work set. We hope that one of the positives from this time in lockdown is that children will have started to follow their interests, whether this be creating and making, baking, woodwork, dancing or simply taking some time out and learning to enjoy a slower pace of life. I have found a new found love for gardening and am currently learning all about how to plant and grow different seeds! We would love to see and celebrate the new hobbies and skills which your children have acquired during lockdown. Please send us your photos with a short description to enquiries@malcolmsargent.lincs.sch.uk, with the subject WIDER CURRICULUM, so we can make a montage to add to Facebook.

Please continue to work alongside us to ensure your child is doing their very best to continue to learn. We will keep reviewing our approach to our online learning, and adapt this to provide the best possible support we can until we return to a normal school situation.

Yours sincerely

Miss Georgina Vickers

Assistant Principal