



Haxby Road News

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A message from Miss Woodward

I trust that you are all well and that this week has begun to settle after the storm that we were thrust into on Monday evening. It has been quite a week, after our children returned to school on Monday 4th January to learning that school will be closed to the majority of children and to coming to terms with the reality of home learning again. I couldn't stop thinking about your little ones who may well have gone to bed on Monday evening (before the announcement) thinking and prepared for school / nursery the next morning and the waking up on Tuesday to be told by you that school and nursery is closed. I felt terribly sad for you as the adult having to share this news and for the children as they heard it. As a school we will endeavour to support all of our children and families during this incredibly difficult time.

*Whilst it has been a very different week I still wanted to take this opportunity to wish everyone a **happy new year**. I really do hope that there will be many positives and achievements this year although we are clearly aware of the challenges that everyone is facing.*

As you know, school is closed to everyone except the children of critical workers and vulnerable children. The purpose of the lockdown is to reduce contact and therefore reduce the infection rate of Covid-19. Our message to you is clear: the best action for you to take for your child, yourself and the whole community is to keep your child at home if it is safe to do so. It's important we help protect the NHS.

During this lockdown, it is vitally important that your child complete their remote learning in order that they maintain their learning in preparation for their return to school, which we hope, will be after February half term. Teachers will be monitoring engagement with learning and will be contacting anyone who is not completing their work to offer support and guidance. If you are finding it difficult to support your child with their home learning then please contact the school office. Our Wellbeing Team Mr Smart and Ms Martin are also available to talk to any families who may need support regarding their child's emotional wellbeing.

May I thank you for the many messages and emails of encouragement, thanks, gratitude and appreciation of all that the staff at HRP A are doing during this unsettling time. Your messages lift the mood of everyone and put smiles on everyone's face. It really is wonderful to receive positive feedback. We are not complacent, we know there may be things that we need to change or tweak and we fully acknowledge that this is a learning process for us all. If we don't get things right immediately, please be patient with us.

Thank you for taking the time to read this lengthy letter. I am hoping that future letters will be shorter. I will continue to write to the children on a weekly basis, please share these letters with your child.

Please remember all our remote learning information is on our school website.

*Take care and stay safe
Miss Woodward*