



23rd April 2020

To the parents of pupils in N3 to Y2

Dear Parents,

I hope that you and the rest of your family are safe and well. I understand that many parents are facing very serious challenges and uncertainty for a variety of reasons and, if you are in that position, I wish you all the strength, courage and resilience that you need.

The school acknowledges that never before have we asked so much of parents in providing support for your children's education. As we near the end of the first full week of remote learning, I want to say a huge 'Thank you' – on behalf of the school community, for everything that you have done to make this work. It is a huge undertaking to provide your children with the workspace, resources and equipment that they need, and then to continuously support them to complete the activities and tasks set, I also understand that some of you may face resistance when asking the children to complete work that they are not used to doing in the home environment. For those of you with more than one child alongside perhaps working from home, I understand that this may be incredibly challenging at this time. All the staff and I are immensely grateful and appreciative of the massive roles which you are playing in helping us to do our best for the children.

I must also say a very heartfelt thank you to all of the parents who have found time to send such encouraging messages about the remote learning. I know that all the TPPS teachers have been incredibly grateful for the communication you have sent in to us all. We have been sharing our emails as some of them have made us laugh and some have made us shed a tear or two. I am incredibly grateful to the team here for all the work that they did over the Easter break to prepare for the first day of remote learning. It has been a huge hill to climb, however I feel that the team has been busy climbing whilst holding hands at the same time. It has been quite a challenge to think about a different way of working, whilst keeping our individualised approach to the children. However, I think that the team are doing a great job on the start of this journey and I really hope that all the children feel that their teachers are there for them.

Having celebrated the positives, I am of course aware that what we are doing will need to evolve as we find out what works and what doesn't work so well. If you do have anything you would like to share or wish to suggest. Please do communicate this with your child's teacher. We will continue to do our very best to take on board any suggestions.

Many staff and parents have mentioned how proud they are feeling about being part of the Taunton School Community. I completely agree with this. From our staff who are running our Critical Worker

provision, to our DT department producing PPE for our medical parents at their request. It is such a privilege to be part of this community.

Thank you again for all of your support and I hope that you enjoy some of the children's work in the Courier this week.

With best wishes,

Louise Leah