

The Downs Primary School and Nursery

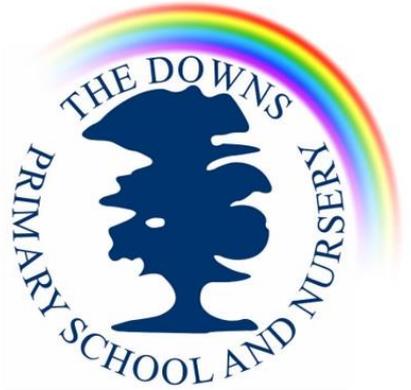
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We hope you had a good Christmas holiday and that you are all safe and well. It is very disappointing that the majority of children cannot be back in school this week, but as you would have seen on the news cases of COVID are very high.

Please make sure your child accesses their online learning daily. These lessons will be pre-recorded and sent to the Teams email address so your child can do the lessons at a time that suits your family. We suggest they have breaks between lessons. If your child is not accessing the learning for any reason at all, please let us know – it is very important that all children take part in the lessons and continue to make progress and not fall behind their peers.

You will receive a daily email (as we did in the first lockdown). You are not expected to reply; this email will simply let you know what lessons to expect and give you an opportunity to reply to the teacher should you have any questions. Your child's teacher will be available to support your child should they need further guidance. Your child can email their work to the teacher. Children of different ages will access home learning in different ways so your child's teacher will ascertain the best way to support you. This might mean that one teacher does a live session to answer questions whilst another teacher answers questions by email or sends further clarification on a power-point. They are there to help you during the hours of 9am -3pm, so please ask for the support you need. Teachers will respond when they can as they also have to plan and record lessons for the following day and to work with each other on this.

Your child's teacher will keep track of who is accessing the learning. If you are unable to access the lessons or if your child becomes unwell; please let the teacher know through the daily email correspondence.

If the teacher does not hear from you through Teams or by email, they will pass this on to the school who will then try to make contact. It would be very helpful to us if you made contact with us in the first instance.

We will continue working with you ensuring your child makes progress through this difficult time and will contact you with any updates as we hear them. Please contact us if you need any support.

Kind regards

Ms J Allen

Headteacher