



Nursery & Y1 Applications

A FINAL REMINDER THAT **ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE AT 12 NOON TODAY**. IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A PLACE IN NURSERY OR Y1 YOUR APPLICATION ISN'T LATE.

Remote Learning

As I prepare this newsletter I am aware that the Executive are meeting to discuss the re-opening of schools.

As with all of the decisions throughout this pandemic, principals do not receive any advance notification of what is being discussed or what has been decided. We will hear at the same time that you will hear, through the local media.

While there has been no official announcement, if the local media are to be believed, school could remain closed and remote learning could be extended until Friday 5 March. It might be that from Monday 8 March there will be a phased return to school.

Obviously I'm not in a position at the moment to confirm these details, however, if there is any change to them I will be in contact accordingly.

Seesaw

I have been reviewing lots of the activities and completed work on Seesaw. I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers who are working so hard to support your children in Seesaw activities while trying to manage your own job, keep a house running and ensuring that everyone stays safe.

I have been in education for 30 years encountering lots of different children and there is no doubt in my mind that the five most difficult children that I have ever taught were called Emma, Jill, Mark, Ami & Katie. They all share 'Loughins' as a surname and are my very own children. Please don't ask my children to share their experiences of 'daddy' teaching them as you might find yourself saying 'Mr Loughins would never say or do that, would he!!' Teaching your own children is quite simply one of the most difficult things you can be asked to do.

There will be good days, there will be bad days. Some days you will get everything done and more, other days you will get nothing done. 'Just do what you can today'. You're doing a brilliant job under extremely difficult circumstances. Keep up the fantastic work, keep the lines of communication open with your child's teacher and if they or myself can be of any support don't hesitate to contact us.

Don't forget that alongside completing Seesaw activities the emotional health and well-being of your child **and yourself** is just as important!! The assemblies this term will focus on emotional health and well-being. Join in with your children, have a bit of a laugh (that's what the action songs are for, **I mean, Mr Loughins definitely has no beat or rhythm**☺) and 'Be Active', 'Keep Learning', 'Give', 'Take Notice' & 'Connect'.

