



# Eggescliffe C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, may I thank you for your good wishes sent to staff wishing them a speedy recovery. Nobody at school expected to begin our new half term like this. The best way we can support you and your children during this time of remote learning, is to have an open line of communication, keep you updated with work, give you clear instructions and provide a support phone call to speak to either yourselves or your children should you wish to.

I wanted to share with you our rationale for our home learning week next week. We want to work closely with you and have put a greater emphasis on the pastoral side and well-being of the children, which we believe to be so important and is at the heart of everything we do. Every day, you will receive an email from your child's class teacher via their class email account by 9am every morning. This will outline the days learning with explicit instructions, resources and scaffolds. The Early Years team will continue to communicate via Tapestry with regard to their on line learning. We ask that you send an email back to us on a daily basis with either a photograph of your work or by sending an attachment of the completed work so that we can give feedback to each pupil and answer any queries or indeed just catch up and talk about their day and home achievements. Keeping motivated, we recommend you start by teaching your child for 10-15 minutes, having a discussion and showing them some examples. Then ask them to complete the task on their own. Check in with them after a few minutes and give them feedback and next steps then leave them again until they are finished. If you set the expectation that your child can work independently and you are really clear with your expectations from the start, this will really help. Some children love a tick list! (I know I do!) If you write down the activities they need to do in the day and write a timetable together first thing in the morning, they (and you!) will get great enjoyment out of ticking them off as they go through the day.

Ms Millward will be in touch with the families entitled to Free School Meals.

We understand that this is still a very anxious time for everyone and as always, we are here if you need advice or support. We are trying our absolute best and your understanding and patience is very much appreciated, by me and all our staff. Thank you, as always, for your incredible support, we will get through these challenging times by supporting, communicating and working together to keep everyone safe and well.

Keep safe,

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