

27th January 2021

Dear Families,

Following the Prime Ministers announcement today that the lockdown is to be continued until 8th March - I can fully appreciate the mix of feelings for parents this will bring.

We do understand how difficult home learning is, especially if you are also trying to work from home or have more than one child needing your attention and support. There is no right way to do it and everyone has different challenges to face as they make their way through it. But please know that we are incredibly proud of the way all of you are trying your best to support your child/ren and encouraging them to complete work set by staff, so that they do not miss out completely on the topics being covered in the curriculum and fall behind.

Please remember we are here to help and support you and are on the end of the phone or email anytime. It is really important that teachers make contact with you regularly either by phone or email - if we don't get a response we will continue to try - this is our duty of care to your child/ren.

As school staff we are all torn between the strong desire to see all of your wonderful children back in St Cuthbert's, where we know they belong and we know is the best place - we don't need anyone to tell us that - we are educationalists! But we also have the personal concern of not being able to socially distance or wear full PPE whilst working with young children and this of course causes great concern for our own health and safety.

However, the vaccine roll out gives us hope and light at the end of the tunnel. For now keep going - you know where we are if you need us and you are all in my prayers.

Mrs Clare McGregor

Head teacher of the best school in the world!

"Our children are only ever lent to us
We never know how long we will be able to keep them for.
So kiss them, cuddle them, praise them and hold them tightly.
But most of all tell them you love them everyday"