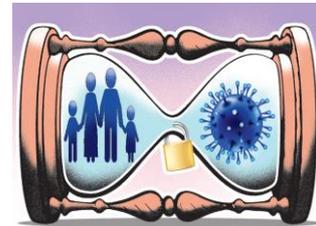


Homework –

Thursday 5th November 2020



Miss Moxon



Dear Parent/Carer

It does not look like we can send hard copies of homework out this week as the photocopier isn't working properly and Konica Minolta (from whom we lease it) are not answering phone calls or responding to emails – which must be one of the issues around the coronavirus situation...

It has been a strange week for us – and it is still only Wednesday as I write this, so there is plenty of time for more-strange. I think the Lockdown from Thursday is behind all this: it is making parents very uneasy as they know that the country is locking-down to minimise social contact but that schools are all staying open. As a school, we recognise the anxiety that people face and we will always work with parents and support them as best we can. I would like to remind parents that **feeling anxious in dangerous times is completely natural** and that we recognise that some people feel just a little anxiety and some people feel extremely anxious, but that we would never question anyone's feelings and we certainly won't try to bully or persuade people into holding different views.

Parents have helped to make the school safer by wearing masks and by helping us with drop-off and pick-up times and we all hope that by everyone following the rules, and with good luck, our school will be without too much disruption. I must say as well that teachers, as a profession, feel vulnerable because we are not supposed to wear face-masks, we cannot ensure social distancing (especially with the younger children) we are in packed classrooms and we are basically being told to get on with it – and we are doing our best! One of the things that has helped us is the obvious support we are getting from parents: can you imagine how difficult it would be for us if, with all the issues we have, we had parents who were getting cross with us and looking for arguments? We feel overwhelmingly supported and it makes our lives much easier – thank you from all of us ☺.

I feel sorry for children that some of the delights of this time of year – Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night in particular – have basically been cancelled. We are determined to try to make the build up to Christmas as much fun as possible. On our Inset Day at the end of the month (30th November) we will be trying to turn the school into a magical place for children: we need a little magic at this time of year.

I have been really impressed with Class Dojo now that it is used by every class in school – do contact me through it as my phone 'pings' when I get a message so that it is even faster than my email address. Take care.

Please use the comment box below to write anything you have to say about the homework or about any other school issues...

Signed:

Please make sure that your child's medical details and emergency contact numbers are with the office and up-to-date.