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Weekly Headteacher Update

Dear Eastway Families,

I am sure that you will have seen the news and an update from the Prime Minister this week stating that schools will not return after half term. I know that this will be upsetting for many of you, as it has been for us. We are all craving a return to some kind of normality. We miss having a full school, being able to do our jobs well, delivering high quality education, and experiences for all our Eastway pupils face to face. We are constantly reviewing our safety plan and have managed to provide in school support for all those who have requested a place at this time. We are looking at ways of offering some in school sessions and one to one tuition for those who remain at home at this time. We are very lucky at Eastway to have such a large school with additional classrooms, outdoor spaces, extra support staff, toilets, entrance and exits areas and large rooms and good ventilation. This enables us to increase our numbers in school, when it is deemed safe to do so, as we did in the summer term.

Remote Learning

We are all learning and adapting to this new way of working, we are still only 4 weeks in. Teaching staff and the leadership team are constantly reflecting, revisiting and adapting our Remote Learning offer to meet the widely varying needs and family circumstances of those at Eastway. We thank you for your feedback and patience during this time when we are all under immense pressure and struggling to manage our families and anxieties. We are all trying our best, Eastway staff, children and families but we must remember that we are all in this together and need to continue to work together, respect each other and stay positive and strong for our children.

To make Remote Learning expectations clear, I have made a simple video for our families. Make sure you watch with your children, so they know what school is expecting from them at this time. Remember all our daily learning is set every day for every children, please ensure your children access the learning daily and complete their tasks. Use the QR code to take you straight to our Remote Learning. We will be sending a questionnaire next week to gather your feedback and suggestions on how our Remote Learning could be improved.



Mental Health & Wellbeing

This lockdown is not like the previous ones. Many are finding it overwhelming and suffering from low mood, poor sleep, stress and anxieties. As a school, we pride ourselves on supporting our staff, families and children to manage their mental health and wellbeing. Next week is Children's Mental Health Week; we will be setting some lovely activities for the children and families and sending help, support and advice out on our social media platforms. Just remember we can only do our best, don't put too much pressure on yourselves or your children. We are here to help.

Take care,

Mrs Morris and Team Eastway x