



COTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to you following another week of remote learning for the majority of our children amidst a government announcement that schools are to remain closed for the majority of pupils until March 8th 2021.

I know that this announcement may well have caused further frustration with juggling work and remote learning. I am a parent too and I do understand the difficulties of this and noticed 'remote learning fatigue' from my own children following an enthusiastic start at home. We are appreciative of this and realise that despite our best efforts, there will be ups and downs along the way. Please communicate issues with teachers directly as if they know the issues, they may be able to help. I know of several incidents where parents have reached out and teachers have given sound advice.

Our pastoral team can also offer practical tips and help. Feedback from parents who have spoken to our team have said that this really does help. If you would like a member of the pastoral team to contact you please email: pastoral@cotongreen.staffs.sch.uk so a call can be arranged for Wednesday.

However, we do now have a timeline of March 8th for when we can start to welcome back more pupils and our teachers will work as hard as ever to ensure that our remote learning is as engaging as possible and also enables an increasing independence from the children.

Having looked at work across the school, I was once again lifted in spirits with the amount and quality of work being completed. Our Twitter profile has some of examples of this but it only scratches the surface. A huge well done to all involved:

<https://twitter.com/GreenCoton/status/1354848613537558532>

Another positive this week was our 'Wi-Fi free Wednesday' which got our children away from screens for the afternoon with creative activities. We will continue with this across the school next week too.

Please also appreciate that staff are also having to staff our key-worker and vulnerable provision in school. We are pleased that this has remained manageable and whilst we understand the inconvenience of children being at home if remote working as a parent, the guidance remains unchanged - if the children can stay at home, they should.

I have been pleased that parents have also worked with us and only used this provision when absolutely necessary so enabling remote learning for the majority of children to be effective. The weather forecast is again predicting heavy snow this weekend. Whilst every effort will be made to open school as we did on Monday, an assessment will be made and parents will be informed by email if we are to close. Please be assured we would only close the school as a last resort if we cannot safely staff and open the school.

I am looking forward to seeing pictures of children and families having fun together in the snow this weekend though! Have a good weekend 'Learning Family'.

Mr R Osborne

