

Tuesday 12th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

2021 has started in a way that I do not think we were fully expecting but we have all had to hit the ground running. Last Monday, as you will know, the teaching staff were at school planning for the children's return the following day, when they were given just 12 hours notice that schools would be closed.

Within those 12 hours, where many other schools chose to close their doors and offer further inset days, Reed First School stepped up to the plate and not only delivered a whole school remote learning provision but also opened their doors to all the children of key workers. We think that you will all agree with us that this is a remarkable accomplishment and one we really think the staff at Reed School should be commended highly for.

For those of you with children at school, we want to reassure you that every step is being put into place to ensure the safety of the school communities and we have it on good authority that the children are incredibly happy and enjoying being in the classroom. Can we also take this opportunity to thank all our key-worker families for the variety of jobs that you are doing.

For those who are at home with their children and accessing the remote learning, please know that you are doing a wonderful job too. Every piece of work that you do with your child is an achievement including all the extras I know you will be enjoying such as baking, games and fitness with Joe Wicks! Every little thing you do will all add up.

One of the things that we are immensely proud of as Governors is our PSHE lessons that have been introduced through JIGSAW and still continue to run throughout this term. Having virtually witnessed lessons, seen the plans and spoken to the children about what they are learning, we are confident that we are equipping all the Reed children with the skills they need to get through this challenging time.

We encourage you all to take each day as it comes and know that as a school community, we are all in this together and together we are stronger.

Best Wishes

Shelley Ward and Alan Blower

Chair and Vice Chair of Governors

Reed First School