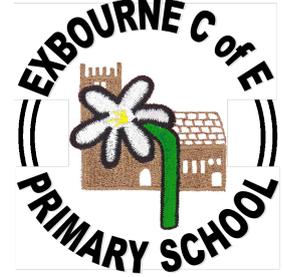




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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well in these challenging times.

Although the school sites remain open for the children of key workers, the vast majority of children are in isolation and are accessing learning remotely. Firstly, I would like to emphasise that although teachers and support staff are providing a wealth of learning for the children to access, there are no expectations on the quantity to be completed. I understand how difficult it is to balance work/working from home with supporting your children with educational activities. Moreover, there are no expectations that parents and carers home-educate their children, but rather support them as much as logistically possible. This is new territory for us too and I would expect remote learning to evolve and become more efficient and effective over the coming weeks. To enable us to do this we welcome feedback on how we can achieve this by sharing successes and any barriers that you have experienced. Please use the school's admin contact for this.

We aim to provide an element of choice in the tasks set, as we understand that children learn in different ways and are inspired to engage with different learning activities. If you feel that your child is having difficulty accessing the learning, please let us know as we are able to adapt tasks to their specific needs. Please see below for further guidance on supporting children with SEND from Steve Williams, the Federation SENDCo.

Please look out for instructions on how to join in with Classroom Dojo, a vehicle for home and school to remain in contact. This has been trialled in some of our schools to great success and is currently being set up for all six.

With Easter fast approaching, we have been asked by parents/carers if teachers could prepare suggestions for activities that they could do alongside their children. Teachers will be sending out suggestions for you to take part in, if you find it helpful. There are no expectations for any of these to be completed; this has been a pressurised time for all concerned and everyone needs a break to recharge their batteries.

The health and wellbeing of children, families and staff are at the forefront, so please have a look at guidance on the school's website on how to look after each other.

Take care and keep safe.

Phil Whittle

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