



# Hilderthorpe PRIMARY SCHOOL

Aiming High - Reaching Higher

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have been informed by the Government that schools are to be closed across the half term. This means that we will not be providing any learning provision remotely, or in school, during the holiday week. I hope you can all take this opportunity to enjoy a much needed rest.

Many of us in school are working parents and appreciate the challenge that juggling the role of home educator has brought. We have been so grateful for your support with your child's learning over this period and have tried our utmost to support families however we can. In this time of uncertainty the value of kindness can never be underestimated, a kind word, an understanding ear and a smile, certainly goes a long way. We are all in uncertain times and doing the best we can.

The response of the children to remote learning has been wonderful! It is so important that the children access their online provision and cover the content we would have been providing in school. The content we are providing follows our curriculum plans and builds on your child's prior learning. We are exploring ways to create a reward system for our remote learners who are completing 100% of their learning each week – watch this space!

Your feedback has been vital to us and enabled us to shape the provision online as we continuously develop our platform. The weekly calls enable us to support provision, target technology and ensure we keep in touch. In a time of isolation, contact between home and school has never felt so important and I know staff have been heartened by the conversations they are having. It's also been a real pleasure to speak to the children and discuss their learning on the phone. We do miss them and this contact is wonderful. If you have more than one child in school, to ensure you were not bombarded with multiple calls, the teaching team of your eldest child will call. Please feel free in this call to request to speak to any member of your younger children's teaching team. They will happily give you a call to support their learning.

Each day we have an assembly online to help and explore our feelings and motivate us for the day. To enable a further way for children to interact we have created a blog for children. Each week we will have a Mighty Monday and Friendship Friday blog. Please encourage your child to participate and find their peers on the blog. It was wonderful hearing about the children's talents and aspirations this week!

We have a considerable number of laptops already out on loan and are awaiting a further delivery from our providers. If you are struggling with technology and would benefit from a school device at home please get in touch and we will place you on our waiting list. As soon as the devices are ready we will be in touch to arrange distribution.

Kind regards.

Mrs S Hall

