



3 February 2021

Hello,

We hope everyone is keeping well. We have a number of updates and pieces of information for you.

A new member of staff

In the office we have a new Business Support Administrator, Lisa Smith. Lisa is working at Scapegoat Hill on Mondays and Tuesdays and at Linthwaite Clough on Fridays. She has made a great start and we are confident she will be a valuable member of our Federation team.

Remote learning

Attached with this letter are two documents, the first is a remote learning newsletter. We wanted to share some of the children's work- we hope you enjoy reading it. It hasn't been easy for everyone and we are grateful for the effort families and staff have made to make remote learning as pleasurable as possible for the children.

The second document is our new Home School Remote Learning Guide. **In light of the recent announcement that schools may not open before 8 March**, we have created this with the intention of clarifying what you should expect from school. We have considered both your feedback and developments over these first few weeks. We have also included suggestions of what you and your children could do to help make remote learning as effective as possible for everyone. We will always welcome your constructive feedback.

Assessment

I am sure you will all have seen that statutory assessment – SATS, Early Years Profile – have been cancelled for this year. This means teacher assessment will be the main process used to identify what your children have achieved throughout remote learning and by the end of this academic year. As such, we ask that you continue to send back all work that your children are doing at home. You can continue to do this via Teams or by emailing photos and scanned-in pieces. We understand this can be a time-consuming process and thank you in advance for your support.

Keeping safe in school

Just to let you know that lateral flow tests have been made available to staff in school and we are carrying out tests twice a week. This will help us to identify anyone who

may have the virus without displaying any symptoms. We feel this is a step closer to making things safer in school for everyone.

Children's mental health week – Something fun!

Finally, this week is Children's Mental Health Week. On Friday 5 February, we are asking all children to wear something inside out for 'Inside-out day'. This is to signify that what you feel on the inside can be shared with others. We will be sending home a grid with lots of activities related to wellbeing for all children to take part in throughout the day. There will not be any 'online' learning that day in support of the children's mental health.

We believe our 'Open Door' policy will be a priority over the next few weeks. Although school is not open for every child, we are still here to help where we can. Please ring school if you need any support or just need to chat!

Best wishes

From all the staff at Scapegoat Hill
Scapegoat Hill and Linthwaite Clough Federation