



Great Whelnetham CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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As we approach the half term break it is a good opportunity for me to reflect on the progress that we are making since our return in September. Firstly, I wanted to thank you for the warm welcome that I have received. Despite the extraordinary times that we find ourselves in I have enjoyed meeting many of you personally and I look forward to continuing to build relationships with more of you as we move forward.

Under normal circumstances I would have invited you all to meet with me collectively so that I could share my vision for the school and the plans that I have started to put in place. For now, we are having to be creative and think of other ways to share and celebrate what we are achieving.

Your children are a credit to you. They have returned to school and we are seeing progress in their levels of engagement and outcomes on a daily basis. They are learning how to learn once more as a full school community and their resilience is building each day. We are very proud of them all.

I am thoroughly enjoying working with the staff and I thank them for their dedication and hard work. They are a wonderful team to work with and the children are very much at the heart of everything they are doing.

Communication during this time is incredibly important. We want to ensure that you are kept informed and have a clear understanding of your child's progress through the weeks and months ahead. In the first instance I would be grateful if you could refer any questions or concerns regarding your child to their classroom teacher as they are working directly with them. You can approach teachers at the start or at the end of each day to arrange an appointment or if you prefer you could write a note requesting a meeting in your child's planner. These will be checked daily. If you feel that additional input is needed please contact Ms Wallis as our Head of School. After these meetings have taken place you can request an appointment to come and meet with me if you need any additional assistance. We are all here to help to support you and your child.

I have created a school Facebook page to help with communication on a regular basis. We will be sharing some of the great work that your children are producing so that you can see first-hand the experience your child is receiving at school. You can find this page, if you have not already done so, at Great Whelnetham Primary school. We look forward to sharing more of these experiences with you and to discussing your child's progress with you all next week during our parents' evening. This will be the first appointment for this academic year and we will follow this with another appointment in the new year.

Yours sincerely

Claire Flatman

Executive Headteacher.

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