



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, a massive THANK YOU for your support and patience this week whilst we get our home learning up and running. I hope you agree that it has gone relatively smoothly and it's been lovely (and really important for wellbeing) for the teachers to see the children and the children to see their teacher and the other children in the class. Please keep supporting them to login to their class meetings.

There are a couple of updates for you to be aware of:

Firstly, all teachers will be taking their statutory PPA time (Planning, Preparation & Assessment) on a Friday afternoon. All teachers have to have this time and we felt that Friday afternoon would cause the least disruption to the children's learning. With this in mind the teachers WILL set a task for the children to complete (e.g. Art/PE/Music) and it can be submitted but the teachers will not be responding/marking that particular piece of work on Friday afternoon. There will also be no group Teams meetings on Friday afternoons either. Each Monday normal feedback will resume.

On normal days i.e. Monday to Thursday teachers will feedback up until 4:30pm. It is not that they are downing tools at this time (because my staff, as you know, work incredibly hard) but they will then start preparing lessons for the following day. Home learning is certainly harder work than having 30 children in the classroom!

You also may have noticed that the 'Posts' pages on each classes Teams area are becoming quite busy with previous meetings and assignments still being visible. For this reason, you may find it easier to use the 'Calendar' icon down the left hand side of the Teams home page to access the daily group meetings and the 'Assignments' icon, again down the left hand side of the Teams home page, to access the day's assignments.

Once again, thanks for your support - this particular time is not easy for anyone but by working with your children at home and supporting our school in this way you are helping with our priority of keeping children, staff and families as safe as possible. We are all fighting to stop the transmission of this terrible virus, we are all protecting the NHS and we are all in this together.

Thank you.

Patrick Mullins
Headteacher