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Dear parents and carers,

Letter from Telford Infant School Governors

Well, it's not been the first week back to school that we were all anticipating/hoping for was it? Yet here we all are in Lockdown 3, with a move to remote learning and what an adjustment that is!

We write to you as a Board of Governors, when we extend our thanks and gratitude to all the teachers and staff at school who worked with minimum notice and technical constraints to place online all that they have. We think you'll agree that the introduction to daily live links makes such a difference to the children; not only do they see their peers but also their esteemed teachers.

For those of us at home supporting our child(ren) with their learning we certainly recognise the skills, patience and incredible aptitude that our teachers demonstrate every day. After all, if children could learn new concepts without specific teaching, we wouldn't need teachers. The teachers have spent hours putting together things to send home and they have done, and continue to do, their very best. They are working long hours and undertaking work outside of their comfort zones to video record content and conduct live links to enable as much remote learning as possible. The planning, preparation and pre-records are highly time consuming and staff have still been in school well into the evening every night this week. They are doing all that they can, they also continue to put themselves at risk of COVID transmission in this global pandemic, so please, join me in thanking them and recognising their efforts are going beyond what is called for under normal circumstances.

For those of you with children of different ages at home you may well ask how you can get three different lots of work done with three children of different ages/abilities. The answer is you can't so stop trying. If they're old enough try to get them to do some bits independently otherwise try something they can all engage with. If you're trying to do this and hold down a demanding full time job working from home, realise that is an impossible ask and adjust your expectations. Please make contact with your child(ren)'s teachers if you need some support for your child(ren) the team are ready and waiting to help you too.

You are doing enough. You are loving the children in your care and supporting them through the most difficult circumstances. Look after yourself. Minimising stressors as much as possible at this time is vital for mental health; please don't let remote learning be the something that stresses you out. Please accept what is in your circle of control - as the primary educator at the moment, this is your call. The school make the provision of resources and the framework/structure to the lessons, it is really up to you how best your individual situation lends itself to its undertaking, some days will be better than others and that is OK. The school will continue to build on the provision and fix any teething problems as we go along.

These are exceptionally difficult times, we are all doing our bit to get through the best that we can. We wish you all continued good health and welcome any communication for the Governing Board via the school office or by emailing our Chair of Governors, Sarah Boad - email address: boad.s1@welearn365.com

Very best wishes,

Telford Infant School Governing Board