

SHINCLIFFE C. of E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you continue to keep well during this extended school closure period.

Today would have seen celebrations in school to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day and reflect with thanks on the sacrifice of that generation.

Just as in 1945, we look to the end of the current crisis and wonder at what life will look like as we rebuild. Let us hope that some of the things we are currently experiencing might hold some clues or pointers to the new normal we might want to live. A world in which as our school *Vision Statement* notes, we experience 'life in all its fullness.'

A world where 'fullness of life' means perhaps:

- That the achievements of young and old alike inspire us. From a 100-year-old veteran to a 7-year-old boy. Both of whom have walked to raise funds from the NHS and in doing so have created a movement of love and generosity.
- A world where the values of generosity, kindness and sacrifice are honoured.
- A world where neighbours do more than clap once a week, but come together and know one another's names.
- A world where we take time to talk at length not just in sound-bites.
- A world where knowledge, ideas and skills are shared freely for the benefit of others.

In the meantime, we wait and we continue to support parents with resources for home-schooling.

Teachers have set various tasks for this week and DB Primary pages will again be updated today with resources for next week.

I also remind you of sources of support commissioned by the Department for Education:

BBC daily lessons: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

and

Oak Academy: <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom>

Both of these resources provide daily activities for pupils. The above links are available via the website and DB Primary.

E-book resources to support home reading are available at: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Last week Mrs Morgan launched the Bonjour a tous picture and message idea and further information is available on the website. We ask children to upload this onto their DB primary class page if they wish to take part.

If you are struggling to access online learning then please contact school and we will support you as we are able. We would like all of our children to be accessing the work provided.

I am acutely aware that this is a challenging time for us all. Remember that DB primary contains a wealth of resources to support children's wellbeing. These are accessible via the class pages or at: <https://shincliffe-durham.secure-dbprimary.com/durham/primary/shincliffe/arenas/wellbeing>. Further support for parents is available via our website.

The school email address: shincliffe@durhamlearning.net will continue to be monitored and can be used for any queries.

For updates, please continue to use the dedicated Coronavirus section of the School Website: <http://www.shincliffe.durham.sch.uk/parents/coronavirus-update/>

Stay safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely

Mr Tait