

SHINCLIFFE C. of E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. Once again, a huge thank you for all of your hard work in supporting your children with their learning. The pressure on schools and families is significant and sustained and we must continue to work to support one another.

Home Learning Updates

We continue to develop and refine our offer.

Phone calls

Teachers continue to telephone children who are learning at home each week. This is an important opportunity to support home learning. We understand, however, that each family's circumstances are different and that it may be difficult, at times, to take a call. If you would prefer a fortnightly rather than a weekly phone call, then please just let the teacher know the next time they call.

Awards and Rewards

We are developing our use of DB Primary to give awards in order to recognise the excellent efforts of the children. From this week we will be awarding rewards via DB Primary for effort and engagement. The Headteacher's Award will be issued each week and we will post out the award to children who are learning at home.

Reading

We are conscious of the need to continue to prioritise reading for both enjoyment and learning. We have made a number of resources available to parents and children. Please encourage your children to read as you can.

Whole School Challenges

We are keen to offer optional challenges and activities for the children to engage with on a whole school basis. The first challenge will be linked to reading and more details will follow.

Staff Testing

All primary school staff are now being tested twice weekly for Coronavirus using self-administered lateral flow tests. Staff will self-administer these tests first thing on a morning and report the results after 30 minutes. This clearly presents a logistical challenge for parents and schools as any positive test result would lead to a bubble or

bubbles closing until a second PCR test (the type of test taken at a testing centre) is undertaken. We will inform parents by text message as soon as we are able if your children are attending the school site, their bubble is closing and the children are required to self-isolate. We are, of course, hopeful that we will not have to take this action.

I thank parents for your continued support at this time.

Stay safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Tait