12th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**The next stage of our work with families.**

Following the Government’s most recent announcement about schools, I wanted to update you on what we will be doing for the rest of term. We are moving from providing two types of school to three types of school. Our provision for the **children of key workers** and **home learning activities** will continue and we are adding **provision for Y6 pupils**. (Guides to all 3 can be found on our website.)

Now things are a bit clearer about the rest of the term, we can **increase our contact with families beyond what we have already been doing** and the attached guide explains how this will work if your child is at home. Hopefully, the situation with Covid-19 will continue to improve so that we can get back to normality as soon as possible.

We are very grateful to the large number of parents and governors who have provided comments about the home learning activities and the feedback has helped to shape the contents of the three types of provision as we move forward.

In response to a few requests we have added **“Must Dos”** to the sheets because some parents wanted assistance to persuade their child to work. If you have already got a nice balance at home, please carry on as you are.

To improve on the Twitter Gallery (@NewbyAnd), we have provided **email addresses to which you can send examples of your child’s work** for staff to comment on.

We are also now in a position for a **member of staff to talk to your child (and you) about their work**. Within the next couple of weeks, a member of staff will give you a call to talk about the home learning activities and we hope that this can happen each week.

* Due to the other two types of school that are running we cannot guarantee that it will be your child’s teacher who calls you, but we hope that you will understand that we have very limited resources at our disposal.
* Please use these calls to **talk about work that your child is doing** and **contact a member of the leadership or inclusion teams if you would like to discuss other aspects of school or home**.
* If you, or your child, finds the call unhelpful, please tell the member of staff. We understand that not everyone wants us to contact them.
* Please **stay next to your child during the call** to help them to share their learning with the member of staff.

I hope that these are useful additions to our home learning offer and can assure you that everyone in school is working extremely hard to support learning in our “three very different schools in one”. **Please contact me at** [**headteacher@newby.n-yorks.sch.uk**](mailto:headteacher@newby.n-yorks.sch.uk) **or 01723 365686 if there is anything further that we can do to help your family.**

Stay safe,

Chris Kirkham-Knowles (Headteacher)