

Engaging with Remote Teaching: We know that as the weeks go on, children's motivation levels will reduce. However, there are still basic expectations that we need children to follow.

Please can all children be up, ready and fully dressed for their first session. There are safeguarding concerns if children are still in their nightwear, and further concerns if they are still in bed. Being fully dressed and ready for the day also indicates a level of respect for their class mates and teacher. Please can children also demonstrate a level of respect to their fellow class mates and to their teachers by not eating or drinking during the live sessions.

The online sessions are not an opportunity for parents to stay 'online' and then ask to have a conversation with the teachers. This places our staff in an awkward and potentially vulnerable position. Please use email as the method of communicating with the teacher. I need to safeguard our staff as well as our pupils.

Thank you for your continued support.

Celebrating our Values: In our assemblies, we have a 'shout-out' for pupils who have exemplified one of our values.

This week, the focus has been on CO-OPERATION:

In school, the following children have a 'shout out' for being cooperative: Renae, Skye, Ava, Kimora, Nicolas, Archie, Alice.

Our home learners having a 'shout out' are: Joshua, Matthew, Bhavishna, Kayden, Arsh, Anusha, Lola, Eden, Jacob, Laura, Fran, Angela, Ryder, Lalaina and Kai

School dinners: There are still some families who owe us for dinner money. Ms Morris does send out reminders. Even if the debt is small, it is essential that this is paid off. Please go onto School Gateway to clear any money owing.

February half term: There will be no provision for our Critical Worker Plus group, and no online work set by teachers. Have a proper break!

March 8th: This is the date that has now been announced as a possible return to school date. We will keep you informed as soon as we have more details of the plan.

Draw your teacher competition: We would love our pupils to draw all the adults (teachers and teaching assistants) who work in their classrooms. Keep the originals safe, clean and wrinkle free, and email all copies to the class teacher.

Each adult will chose the picture they feel represents themselves the best – and this picture will be used to form a display of our team.

As always, contact me any time: t.smith@newislingtonschool.co.uk