

**Bushes Primary School & ELC Class**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I would like to commend you on your efforts during these first few weeks of remote learning. The level of engagement across the school has been excellent and children seem really motivated to complete the tasks set and interact with their teacher. I know that behind these high levels of engagement are parents and carers, like yourself, who are doing all that they can to support their child's educational development whilst doing everything else that life requires. It is hard and it is ok to admit that. In fact, I would encourage you to admit that to your nearest and dearest as the only way we make it through this is together by looking out for one another. You are doing an amazing job. Please take a minute to stop and recognise that.

Daily, there is work available on the Seesaw platform for all children. In the school this takes the form of:

- A Health and Wellbeing themed check in (please encourage your child to take part in this)
- Maths
- Literacy
- Topic work which can include P.E.

Teachers are providing 'live learning' through feedback they are giving either in audio files or comments made to them or a group of learners by the teacher. Teachers are also making regular audio and video recorded inputs to support children. These can be accessed when best suits families and staff are interacting with pupils throughout the day.

In response to feedback we have received, I have asked teachers to organise that one day next week they will have a day where they set non-digital tasks for children to complete. Teachers will inform you of when this is for each class and on this day, teachers will set tasks that don't require children to be on a device for the whole day. There still will be a morning check in task on each class page but after that the idea is children work offline as much as possible. I have set up a separate page on Seesaw called 'Mr McCrorie – Whole School Page' where children can post what they have been up to on their non-digital day if they wish.

I hope you all have a restful and healthy weekend when it comes.

Kindest Regards



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