

Discovery House – Weekly Update

Week ending Friday 27th March 2020



I hope you are all keeping safe and well. Like you guys I am staying at home and working from here. I may not have you around but I do have my crazy dog for company - Fella. He wasn't keen on the idea of a selfie with me - he was a little camera shy! So, you have a picture from a few weeks ago of him waiting patiently for a treat at my mother's! A rare moment of calm!

Firstly, I wanted to say a fond farewell to our amazing Year 11's who had a mini farewell last Friday. They have been tremendous and we will hopefully see them later in the year for a proper goodbye. If any of you need help or advice with college or apprenticeships, then please email. I plan on posting a weekly bulletin so that you all remember that you are part of the Discovery family. Just a little way to keep in touch.

I have been really pleased that several of you have emailed me already to let me know how you are doing and also pleased that several parents have also been in touch to let me know what you have been up to. It was great to hear some of the ways that you are supporting each other and your families. I love the fact that some of you are facetimeing each other so that you can do dance classes together. Members of my family are all doing the same but trying out yoga!

Another great suggestion I heard, and I would recommend that you try to do as family, is creating a memory box of your time together. You could decorate it together and then include some of the following things in it:

- A whole family drawing competition - everyone has to draw a picture to go in the box;
- A whole family short story competition - once written you could read to each other;
- Labels from the food you eat;
- Each person could create a mood board that they add to each day to show how they feel on a particular day;
- Keeping a diary - e.g. today we completed this piece of work from the website/as a family we did some gardening;
- Let me know of other ideas that you could put in your box and laugh about years from now!

As a House I always say be a radiator and not a drain - so this is your time to shine - be helpful, make someone a cup of tea/keep your room tidy/offer to do the cooking as part of your technology homework. Do the shopping for an elderly neighbour.

Lastly, don't forget check the website. Click on Seniors or Juniors, click on Homeworking: Emergency Closure/Self-Isolation and then click on your year group. If you have any problems accessing the work, or get stuck with it, or are just worried, then please email me.

In the meantime, stay safe and remember I am very proud of my lovely Discovery 'family.'

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