

Wednesday 10th February

Dear Parents/Carers and Children

I do hope everyone is safe and well, that really is the most important thing.

I am back to writing a letter this week, I will alternate between a video and writing just so you can keep checking my letters for spelling and grammar mistakes!

This lockdown is getting harder and harder and this week and last the staff and I have spoken to a number of families who are mentally tired and reaching breaking point. If it would help please do get in touch we are here to help if we can. In addition if you hear of everyone within our community who is struggling with anything please contact me, in confidence. We can help with many things however we are unable to offer any more school places as we are full in school based on our risk assessment.

Unfortunately over the weekend we had some very unwelcome visitors. They broke into a number of areas most notably our double decker bus. They did not take anything, just decided to destroy all the contents, smashing windows and ripping out all the fixtures and fittings, including lights, heating and even the smoke detectors. Although completely devastated our faith has been restored by the many kind donations and offers of help and we will soon be restocked and up and running.

We are desperate to return to school, as I am sure you all are, and people are constantly asking me when it will be. Like you the first I hear is in the news so we are clinging onto the date of March 8th however nothing has been finally decided. I am guessing they will have some type of phased return but if and when we know please rest assured I will be in contact immediately with a plan.

In the meantime please continue doing what you can. The majority of contact we have is around children and families struggling with the amount of school work and juggling jobs and home learning. Please complete what you can, but in the very least try to keep abreast of the English and maths. I understand, as a parent, it is very difficult at home; please put mental health and well-being first and foremost.

Please get in touch if you need us, we are always here.

Best wishes

Mark Mountcastle