



# Willerby Carr Lane Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

## Review of In-School and Remote Learning

The new arrangements in school have been working extremely smoothly. I must thank our Teaching Assistants who have stepped up to new responsibilities and adapted their working patterns to allow us to operate with a teacher at school whilst also having a teacher providing education to children at home. As I have gone round school this week, it is clear they are all doing an amazing job.

I must also thank our critical key workers who have been working in partnership with us to only send in their children on days when absolutely necessary. This reduces the risk to children, staff and onwards to you at home. The average number of children attending school over the past week has dropped from 55% in the first week to 33% this week. The average number of children in a class is now 10. We would urge parents to continue to help our community and the coronavirus effort by using us only when essential.

None of us have any idea how long school will be 'closed'. The only definite information we have received is that schools will be closed until at least 22<sup>nd</sup> February. As a school, our contingency planning is based on the distinct possibility that school may be shut for a lot longer than this. As such, we are committed to providing high quality remote education as well as face-to-face education.

Our remote education offer, mirrors, as far as possible, the education that is going on at school. Staff are working hard each day to provide high quality recorded lessons, twice daily check in sessions, online feedback through the day and individual telephone calls across the week. After 10 months, our friends at OFSTED have finally recognised the practical difficulties that parents working from home face in getting multiple children and themselves on line, at the same time, and announced that live teaching is not the 'gold standard' or the best solution.

Given that once again we are in lockdown and that once again children's education is being affected, it is really important that children engage with our remote offer if they are to not fall behind. Both at school and at home we continue to teach to the curriculum. We are keenly aware of the varied challenges that parents face trying to balance work, family, learning and technology. Whilst it is a challenge, it is vital that all children do engage with their remote learning. It may not be possible for them to attempt all of their lessons and work set. But, we would ask that children do their daily Maths and English lessons. Our staff are here, so please contact them if they can help.

As always, thank you for your unstinting support and partnership working. Have a great weekend and stay safe. ☺

Mr Sean Smith  
Headteacher