

Belton C of E Primary School

Achieving the Best Together

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a week and a half since school unexpectedly ended for now and this is not the Easter update I thought I would be writing. I'm sure it has been as strange a time for you and the children as it has been for all of the staff of Belton School.

Whilst none of us know how long this will go on for and I am afraid I am not party to any other information that you see in the press, I am very proud of all of our school community and the way we have come together.

As parents you have been thrown into home schooling your children and the children have been faced with a different dynamic than they are used to. You are **ALL** doing a great job! Whether you are spending an hour a day on your reading and writing, getting through work set or doing something different, **that is ok**. Whether you have gone for a muddy walk, made a junk model or practiced art **that is still learning**. If you are finding it tricky to get your child to do anything, split the day down into small chunks, 5-10 minute sessions, use timers and rewards. If all else fails, keep battling to do reading above everything else!

Please remember your and your child's journey is your own and please don't compare yourself to others.

Feedback from staff has been positive. It is a new way of working for them as well and I know they are doing their best to provide tasks for the children and give productive feedback. We have tried to give a range of activities, some using screens, some not, to suit everybody's needs. If they are not quite working for you, please adapt them and if you aren't quite sure how ask your child's teacher. The teachers are sharing a lot of work, if you don't get through it all don't panic, they don't necessarily expect you to.

I am sorry that we can't currently print out things for you or give more reading books, it is just not possible at the moment. But please keep looking at Weduc as we are sharing new links all time.

I have been asked what will happen when we do go back to school. I am sure that it is a question on lots of your lips. The truth is currently I just don't know. As soon as I have anything to share please know I will do so. Whatever happens I know we will all work through it together.

Over the Easter holiday you can carry on with the activities set by the teachers if you would like to but there is no pressure to do so. The staff will not be replying to emails or giving feedback during the two-week holiday period. They will pick everything back up again on Monday 20th April.

Thank you for all your support at this challenging time. Any questions please let me know.

We can get through this!

Miss J Scott
Headteacher