

SHINCLIFFE C. of E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Remote Learning Updates

As we continue to settle to a new way of working at both home and school, I would like to update you with a few developments to remote learning. We are very much aware of the differing pressures and demands experienced by our families. Everyone's circumstances are different. Please continue to do what you can. We appreciate all of your efforts and, in these unusual and difficult times, be kind to yourselves.

Whole School Challenges and Activities

Our first optional whole school challenge, focuses on reading. Mrs. Short has shared a forum post with each of the classes detailing how the challenge will operate. Good luck! Our next whole school activity will be linked to Chinese New Year. Mrs. Morgan will share details of this with the classes shortly. Further challenges will follow after half term.

Awards and Celebration Assembly

We have reintroduced weekly headteacher's awards and introduced a new system of rewards via DB Primary. It is good to be able to celebrate the excellent work the children are doing. From this Friday, we will share the awards by a recorded video Celebration Assembly. This will be uploaded to DB Primary on a Friday.

Screen time

We are conscious that remote learning can involve longer periods using electronic devices than would be typical in more normal times. With this in mind, and in order to support wellbeing, we will be providing a range of activities for pupils to engage with that do not involve the use of electronic equipment. These will be shared via DB Primary class pages. Further details to follow.

Covid-19 Test Results for pupils attending the school site

I remind parents to **inform school immediately** of any Covid-19 test results. You can telephone the school office between 9am and 4pm Monday and Friday or use the school email address: shincliffece@durhamlearning.net at other times. Please use 'COVID-19 TEST RESULT' in the subject line of your email.

Covid-19 Information from Durham County Council

We have been asked to share the following information links by DCC:

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/24952/How-to-prevent-the-spread-of-Covid-19-if-your-child-is-at-school>

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/24953/Self-isolating-for-schools>

They detail information regarding preventing the spread of Covid-19 and information regarding self-isolation.

Once again, I thank parents for your continued support.

Stay safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Tait