

# FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of our fourth week of remote learning we wanted to remind you all of what a fantastic job you are doing. Across the country, every parent is facing the challenge of home schooling (whilst many work from home) and as I am sure you have read in the news and on social media, this is an immense task and we hope it will not have to continue for too long.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and support staff for the work they are doing - preparation of lessons, hosting live teaching, providing 1-2-1 support, where needed and caring for the children that are in school.

Teachers and parents working together is proving invaluable and the children are exceeding all our expectations.

We continue to remain open for a small number of children who are working exceptionally well but are most certainly missing their friends. From next week we ask that children arrive at school at 8.50am (KS1 and KS2) and are collected at 3.00pm.

At present, we feel the weekly timetables are working well and we continue to explore ways to adapt the experience and learning. Please ensure you read the weekly timetable on the class pages on the website, as they are updated each weekend in preparation for the week ahead.

This week we have taken part in our first Muddy Feet session, which we have purchased, as well as the French lessons which we are offering to keystage 1 and 2. These lessons are pre-recorded and therefore please do utilise these at a point in the week when it suits you.

In line with DfE guidance, Farthinghoe School staff have begun testing with Lateral Flow and will undertake a twice weekly test. In the eventuality of a staff member testing positive, they will self isolate immediately and will be requested to undertake a PCR test to confirm the result. All colleagues and pupils who have been in contact with the staff member must immediately self isolate until the result of the PCR Test is secured. If this further test confirms the positive result, and as we are such a small setting and staff have had close contact with each other our school will have to close at short notice.

We do appreciate a sudden, last minute closure will be problematic for parents who are key workers, but we will endeavour to inform the parents concerned as promptly as possible. I am confident the staff and I will be able to continue to work remotely using the online learning platforms, should we all be forced to self-isolate from each other, and the school were to close. If a staff member were to becoming increasingly ill at home, I will communicate with the parents of the effected children, to confirm the subsequent arrangements.

I hope that in the near future I will be writing to you with plans for our return to school. Until then, stay safe and enjoy spending time with your family.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Wendy Whitehouse

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