

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you for the support you have given the children this week.

My sincere apologies for the problems we have encountered with PurpleMash. As you can appreciate, we have experienced some teething problems whilst adapting to home learning again. Through this journey I can only hope these will be few and far between. I understand just how challenging home learning can be and I am grateful for all you are doing to help the children. During this time, I am aware of how you are being asked to adapt and change to the way your child's learning is being delivered and I would like to highlight just how much we appreciate your co-operation.

A new timetable for next week's activities will be on the website on Monday. All the children's home learning requirements will be listed on the weekly timetable so please refer to this to check for all activities set. Please continue to log into PurpleMash as this is where most of the work will be set. I am aware the novelty of home learning may soon wear off and we as a team are considering all strategies to keep their learning focussed, enjoyable and engaging.

On reflection of this week's learning, we would like to introduce a direct email pathway for the children to share their work with us. This will be accessible through the PurpleMash portal. This enables us to respond directly to the children's emails and will reduce the correspondence coming via the office. Please be aware, this communication tool is for the children to share with teachers their timetabled work that hasn't been set as a '2 do' task. For example, The Edward Jenner projects. These have been incredible! I have been overwhelmed by the children's efforts. These tasks can now be shared through this email platform. Please be aware this will not be regularly monitored throughout the day and if there are any specific concerns about the children's learning, these will need to be raised through the office email and the office will contact us. A 'How To email on PurpleMash' guidance will be available on the website to help guide you through this.

Please be aware, to support the children's safety online, these emails are set up to allow contact with yr. 2 staff only. It cannot facilitate emails to any external or other addresses. If there are any concerns surrounding this, please contact the office immediately.

Moving forward, we will be using additional platforms such as Whiterose maths and Zoom. These will be used as extra support for your child's learning. As we said in our previous letter a timetable for Zoom meetings will be on the website on Monday. Initially these will be a review of how the children are doing. Mrs Arulsuthan is unable to conduct these meetings at the moment so Mrs Farrant will be joining us and is looking forward to hearing what your children have been doing. With this in mind, please can all work being uploaded via the PurpleMash email platform and any emails to the office be sent to/FAO Mr Flisher.

I would like to thank the whole year 2 team and Mrs Harding on the efforts they have put in to teaching the children at school and the support they are providing the children with feedback on PurpleMash. I am truly grateful.

Finally, I would like to organise a Zoom meeting with the children on Friday. It will be very informal and a great chance to catch up. The links for each class are below and on the timetable on the website. Please ensure you have signed the Zoom Acceptance Policy. This is not compulsory; however, we would like to see as many children as possible.

Thank you again for all you are doing to help us support your children's learning.

Many thanks,

Mr Flisher

Allington Class Zoom Meeting

Friday 10-10.30am

<https://zoom.us/j/94812908309?pwd=SFRDQzFIUDFUakRZdVBFYUIRVzITUT09>

Meeting ID: 948 1290 8309

Passcode: BkAbP0

Thurnham Class Zoom Meeting

Friday 10.30-11.00

<https://zoom.us/j/97647235011?pwd=V2xuNTRYZWpmcloyZ0F1ZjJmOTRMdz09>

Meeting ID: 976 4723 5011

Passcode: gG5vzE