



## LANCHESTER E.P. (Cont.) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I promise to make this brief as I usually would not write to you just before a holiday. However, I just wanted to finish this half term on a really positive note.

Once again, I just want to express my huge thanks to you all. I am sure you will all agree that this half-term has been tough. You have all been home-schooling whilst trying to work from home and I can imagine that your children have been slightly harder to motivate. However, you are all doing an amazing job under terrifically difficult circumstances.

At the start of this year, I would not have thought it possible for the school community to be any stronger – I was wrong. I strongly believe that this lockdown has brought the children, staff, parents and governors even closer together and I am so proud of the wonderful community spirit we have.

I know you will not all agree with decisions that have been made, but you are still supportive and understand the reasons behind them. I know some of you find home-schooling harder than others – but you still work through it all with your children. I know some of you have struggled with the emotions of your children – but you reach out for help and are proactive in finding solutions. The work and activities your children have completed is truly amazing.

I have been so touched to receive so many very supportive and positive emails and your responses to the challenges and updates on twitter have been phenomenal too. Thank you all so much. At times, I am quite overwhelmed.

The school does remain open again during the half-term for children of key workers and vulnerable children and the staff continue to willingly do this.

However, I do think we all need a break – you as well as us – and so there will be no work set for the children next week on eSchools or Evidence Me and there will be no twitter challenges or Daily Davis Updates next week either.

Instead, make the most of the lovely weather and let your children enjoy being children:

***Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning.  
But for children, play is serious learning.  
Play is really the work of childhood.***

***And at the end of the day,  
your feet should be dirty, your hair messy  
and your eyes sparkling.***

\*\*\*However, please check out Twitter at the end of the day (@LanchesterEP) as we have another very special Davis Daily Update to share – another little something to you all from all the staff to help keep your spirits up during this difficult time! \*\*\*

With warmest wishes to you and your families,

*Jane Davis*

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Head Teacher