

5th February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

I once again would like to thank parents who have taken the time to email expressing appreciation of the support children have received this term. As I explained in my letter last week, the feedback from colleagues is that overall, our students have adjusted well and have shown real resilience. I am extremely proud of the way they have engaged with this new way of learning. For many students though, we understand they are having good days and days they say they are finding more difficult. My colleagues continue to support and reassure our students that they are not alone and that this is perfectly natural and OK to have days like this. Remember this is just a moment in time and we can all be hopeful and excited for the future. We await the Government giving us due notice of how and when we will be able to see our young people all back on site.

Remote Learning Survey

My colleagues and I have been delighted to hear from many students and families who have embraced the recent wellbeing days and taken time away from their screens to re-balance and re-focus.

We are continually reviewing and adapting the remote learning offer and have appreciated the valuable feedback we have already received from students and parents. To formalise this feedback and help us further develop remote learning, we would be very grateful if you could complete this survey with your child to give us additional insight into how they feel and what they would like to experience moving forward. The survey will be open until Friday 12th February 2021. As previously stated, actions will be guided by the national and regional outlook.

[REMOTE LEARNING SURVEY LINK](#)

Children Mental Health Week

This year, children's mental health week focused on the theme "Express Yourself". We would like to incorporate this theme to celebrate our students' resilience and strength. You will have seen from a separate communication that we have launched a photography competition, open to all year groups, to help showcase our amazing students. This will be further supported, along with other activities, during Personal Development lessons next week. Students are invited to take a photograph which represents one or more words from our school ethos of "Explore, Dream, Discover". It can be as simple as an image from a local area walk, skill learnt in lockdown or a lockdown activity such as a baking or craft creation. Students can use any electronic device to upload an image and email exploredreamdiscover@nestonhigh.com by Monday 22nd February. It is important that this is emailed from student school accounts. We live in such a beautiful area and our students continue to take part in amazing lockdown activities – let's celebrate it! Prizes available for the top 3 entries in each year group.

We hope that you have found the resources I included in my letter last week and the letter regarding Children's Mental Health week earlier this week useful.

Attendance

Please remember to continue to let us know if your child cannot attend the Emergency Provision or lessons due to illness or for another reason, e.g., a medical appointment. **This information must not be**

communicated by your child to their teacher but should come through normal school attendance procedures.

As always, stay safe and have a lovely weekend.

With kind regards

K Simpson
Headteacher