

Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank You, Well Done and Keep Going!

As we embark on the fourth week of our remote learning provision, I just wanted to write to you all to say a huge thank you and well done. As a mum myself with teenage children, the current situation certainly is not easy as we all continue to juggle work commitments, children's schoolwork and surviving a pandemic.

It is fair to say times are tough and this can also begin to affect wellbeing, particularly with the dark, cold and rainy weather - I have to say the snow at the weekend did lift spirits in my house somewhat. At the moment the most important thing is that you are looking after yourselves and your families so we can all get through this together.

So as I said earlier, thank you and well done. Whatever your personal circumstances, we think you are all doing a great job. If your child has had too many snacks, stayed up too late, played too much on games consoles or tablets and not finished all of their schoolwork that's ok! We know our pupils are safe, loved and cared for and that is the most important thing at the moment. We know that you have high expectations and we have responded to that in the work that we have set each week. All we ask is that you do your best — if some days this is 30 minutes reading or practising times tables — that is ok. If you want to complete all the work we set, that's ok too! Remember it is important that the children have a break from schoolwork too so pupils are not expected to be completing schoolwork or using Teams outside of our normal school hours — please reassure them that this is ok. Encourage them to take a break and do other things they en joy, reading, baking, going for a walk, playing a game. Please do not let schoolwork put any extra pressure on you when you are trying to hold down jobs, earn a living and keep your children safe. Everyone's circumstances are very different and we appreciate that.

Finally, whilst our provision may be restricted to the minority, please remember we are still here for all our families. If you need any support, a chat or some advice, we are here, please just get in touch.

Take care, stay safe and remember we think you are all doing amazingly well.

Kind Regards,

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