



# WOODHALL SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all well and keeping safe. Thank you for the fantastic job that you are doing with home learning. We really have been bowled over by the photos of not just children's work, but of many creative things that you have been doing during lockdown! We know that you are all doing your very best whilst also juggling busy family lives and also trying to manage your own working lives. I post lots of photos and share work on our Facebook group, but please don't ever worry that you are not doing a good job compared to other people! Each and every Woodhall family has their own unique circumstances as well as children who respond in completely different (and often unexpected!) ways to these challenging times. None of you have chosen to home-school; you have been thrown into this lockdown situation. Remember that people might wear their best shoes but you can't see the holes in their socks! **Follow the best path for your family.** At Woodhall, we have always celebrated achievements based on the child rather than the task. **YOU ARE ALL DOING A BRILLIANT JOB!**

### Critical Workers and Vulnerable Children

A plea from us: we have been receiving more and more requests for places at school for children that fall into one of these categories. **Whilst we will always offer places where needed, please be mindful that if there is an adult at home, then children should also stay at home during the lockdown period in order to minimise the risk of catching COVID.** You will have seen the horrific hospital scenes on the news and may also know that many of our families have experienced a terrible time having caught COVID. We are working on a 'skeleton staff' at Woodhall at the moment, and every member of staff coming into school has vulnerable members of their own families at home. Although they are worried about the risks, they put the children and families of Woodhall first.

**If your child falls into the critical worker category but there IS someone at home to look after them, please do not send them into school.** We are in regular contact with parents of children falling into the 'vulnerable' category and we would, of course, accommodate children in school where necessary. Thank you for your support.

### 'Lockdown Lowdown'

Children should receive the next 'Lockdown Lowdown' through the post this week (or in school if they are attending) This is just a short 'newsletter' from me to keep them informed. This week, there is information about a writing competition – I have attached a poster to this email. We would love to see lots of entries! If you have any questions, please email your child's class teacher.

### Coach Chloe's Workouts

Move over, Joe Wicks!! Our very own sports' coach, Chloe, has been recording a weekly lockdown fitness session for Woodhall families. Please see the links on our Facebook page or via teacher's emails. Fun for all the family!

**Thank you so much for your ongoing support everyone – it is keeping us all positive!** Take care and stay safe,

Miss Lake ☺