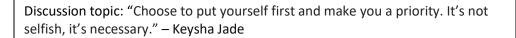
KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL EDUCATION SERVICE HANGING HEATON CE (VC) JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOL

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Promoting independence in home learning

We know adults at home are really trying to perform a juggling act completing their own work whilst trying to help our children learn at home and that this is a real challenge. We would encourage parents and carers to promote as much independence as possible, particularly for our KS2 children, whilst learning at home. Colleagues are spending a great deal of time and energy finding or making instructional videos to explain how to complete the set learning.

We are hoping that children can watch these and replay them when needed to complete their learning at home. Should they then require additional instruction, this can be requested to an adult via Seesaw.

In school KS2 classrooms, children often have only one or two adults to support up to 30 children so our children are used to this level of independence.

You can contact: by email at head.hangingheaton@kirkleeseducation.uk or class teachers via Seesaw or as usual during school hours on 01924 463035.

Wellbeing during Lockdown

We know this is a particularly challenging time for many at the moment and I would like to signpost support which may be helpful. This <u>Parenting during lockdown</u> website reminds us of ways that we need to be kind to ourselves as we are juggling the many and varied tasks we are currently facing as well as how we can support our children. Equally, here you will find <u>Resources for parents and carers during the</u> <u>coronavirus outbreak</u> has a range of support materials, ideas and tips for families.

Northorpe Hall is also offering a range of workshops, some for parents and a couple for both parents and children which are free and can be booked onto directly via <u>this page</u>.

Next week is "Children's mental health week" and there will be a range of activities set via Seesaw to reflect this.

This lockdown has placed so many more demands on families and children than either of the previous ones and we recognise that it is difficult. Please don't feel alone and isolated, you are more than welcome to get in touch either by telephone on 01924 463035 or through my email at <u>head.hangingheaton@kirkleeseducation.uk</u>. We can still help even though we are not seeing each other every day.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see the amount of learning taking place at home and the enthusiasm with which our children and families are working. Equally, I enjoy seeing children on our zoom assemblies each week and looking at the pieces shared by teachers. Thank you to those parents who have taken time to let me know how supportive teachers are being in helping their home learning. Kind regards, Mrs J Potter

"Let all that you do be done in love"