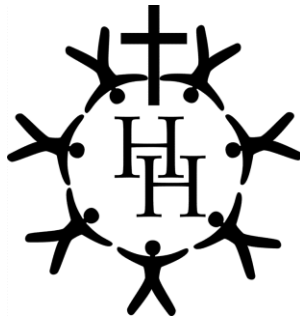


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# News Sheet

Discussion topic: "Stay patient and trust your journey" - Brian Ford

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have heard from PM Boris Johnson that schools will continue to be closed until at least Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and our current lockdown will continue beyond the February half term date that was initially announced. I look forward to the coronavirus figures reducing significantly in this time.

The headline data in our local area are below national and this is encouraging.

We do however need to make sure we continue to follow the National lockdown laws for the case numbers to continue to fall and so that we can look forward to returning to some normality, getting schools open and welcoming all children back into school for face to face learning. We are really looking forward to seeing the children in school again – Zoom and Seesaw, whilst useful for remote learning, are just not the same!

We are here should you want or need to contact us: class teachers via Seesaw, myself on [head.hangingheaton@kirkleeseducation.uk](mailto:head.hangingheaton@kirkleeseducation.uk) or the school office on 01924 463035.

Kind regards,  
Mrs J Potter

## Seesaw engagement

I am really impressed with how well and quickly children and families have got to grips with the Seesaw app and are using it regularly. Last week over 90% of children engaged with their learning and kept our team very busy answering questions, checking understanding and feeding back to submitted work.

Our policy in school is to "green pen" work. This means that once learning is marked, we give them tips as to how to make personalised progress on an individual level by revisiting the learning and improving aspects of it. Please do not see this as a criticism – the children are very used to this in school and complete green pen activities on a regular basis!

Equally, children need to ensure they have watched the instructional video or powerpoint prior to asking questions as many of the questions we are being asked are already answered through these.

Our Seesaw platform has received some really positive feedback from parents who particularly appreciate the quality, amount and speed of the support and feedback taking place. I am really pleased about this as this has taken a great deal of time and training to achieve.

We know in school that this level of engagement from our children and families takes a mammoth effort and you need to be very proud of yourselves.

There is far too much in the press about the risk of our children falling behind but here at Hanging Heaton we will all join together in partnership to achieve the very best for our children and work to make sure this does not happen.

"Let all that you do be done in love"