



Newsletter Monday 30th March 2020

# Aycliffe Village Primary School



Dear Parent / Carer

I hope you and your families are staying well and adapting to this new way of life.

I wanted to let you know I am not leaving our school, as planned, at the end of the Easter holidays. A delayed start to my new role has been agreed by all parties so I will now leave our school on 22nd June. This means there will be consistency of leadership for the school, during this uncertain time. Although school isn't open for usual practice, there are still many things going on behind the scenes and the usual preparations for next academic year will also need to take place, regardless of how long schools are closed for.

We have added a statement in the **Newsletter** section of our website, summarising our approach to **Home Learning Activities** during this temporary school closure. As this is a new situation for us all, we felt it would be helpful to have a clear outline of our policy and practice and we hope you have the time to read this.

I wish to emphasise the point that, although staff will be adding weekly tasks/suggestions to Google Classroom (or Tapestry for Reception children) we are not saying these **have** to be completed. We understand you will all be juggling many different situations and pressures and the last thing we would want is for you to feel pressurised by this. We are simply providing these as an option for families to use, should they wish to and if their circumstances allow.

I wish to thank staff again for helping with child care for children of key/critical workers and for the support they will continue to provide over the Easter holidays. They have been very flexible and resolute in their approach and I believe our whole school community should be grateful to them.

I ask for your patience and understanding during this time. I wish you and your families continued good health and hope you enjoy the Easter weekend when it arrives.

Take care

Mrs H Sutherland  
Head Teacher

## Sharing photos on Facebook

We are all missing seeing your children in school every day. We will add a Facebook post soon asking you to add a photo of your child doing an activity they have taken part in whilst they have been off school. Please take part in this if you would like to - you can do this by adding a photo and some text as a comment.

