



Our value for January is Cooperation

'Working together'

We all know that when we work together we can achieve great things. As we are now in another National lockdown, we are all working differently; some of us at school and some of us at home.

It is really important that all of us in our school community work together and cooperate with one another as we journey together through this current lockdown.

Can you think of any ways that you can show good cooperation at home? Can you work together to lay the table for dinner or tidy up after playing a game? Can you work together to share technology at home so that everyone can complete the tasks that they need to?



HAPPY NEW YEAR

It may seem like a long time ago now but I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Although the start of this year is a bleak one with a new lockdown and such horrendous figures of covid cases in the locality and across the country, I'm optimistic that, following this difficult period, 2021 will bring us many successes and hope for our health and the safety of our whole community.

In the meantime, do stay safe and keep our community safe by following the lockdown rules.

Home/Remote Learning

What a week! I am so proud of our incredible Catshill team who have responded to the changes that took place on Monday with such professionalism and positivity. Our training day on Monday was spent preparing for the children to be in and then the lockdown announcement came (which we heard at the same time as everyone else). The following day, I was overwhelmed by the way that our teachers, teaching assistants and support staff all worked as a team to get in-school provision for critical worker and vulnerable children organised, to set up home learning platforms and delivery, to begin the daily online meetings and to arrange meal packs and resource packs for those who qualify. There is already such a lot going on across the whole school.

All pupils, who are learning from home, are expected to take part in daily learning. All teachers are offering daily meetings and will offer support with the work that is set throughout the day. They give each child individual feedback on their work. We have been delighted to see that such a high proportion of our families are already setting up good daily routines which enable their children to access learning. We do record the levels of engagement and will be following up with phone calls when needed. If there are reasons why your child is finding access to the learning difficult, please speak to or email their class teacher so that we can identify further ways to help. We are developing our provision daily so there will be even more opportunities next week.

I'd like to thank our parents for their support at this time.

Please do get in touch with us if there are further ways that we can help you.

Georgia Plant, Head of School

We would like to offer a very warm Catshill welcome to Mrs Sarah Down who joins us as an Assistant Head Teacher whilst Miss Jones is on Maternity Leave. She is hoping to say hello to the children when we catch up virtually for assemblies and is meeting the children that are currently in school.

Hello!



We are delighted to share the news that Miss Jones has had a baby boy and we send her and her husband our love and good wishes.



Curriculum Newsletters and Home Learning for all years will be shared with you today and contain ideas to help support you whilst the children are taking part in blended learning at home. There are also Knowledge Organisers for children in KS2 years (3 and 4) and these will be shared with you early next week. All of these resources can also be found on our school website under the ['Curriculum'](#) tab.

E-safety Reminder

We will keep this reminder about e-safety on our newsletter as we know that the use of internet and technology has increased. Please continue to be mindful of the dangers of being on-line as well as the advantages. Please see our school website for further details [eSafety](#) or use the support on the Think You Know website [Thinkuknow - home](#).




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