



South Gosforth First School

'Roots to grow and wings to fly'

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Dear Parents & Carers

I just wanted to say a big thank you to all of our families who have completed activities from our brand new 'Homework Activity Timetables' over the last week. All of the teachers have loved seeing the brilliant things which you have uploaded on to 'Seesaw' and 'Tapestry' and I am confident that completing these regular, short consolidation activities at home will really help to embed learning for our children at a much deeper level – a great effort all round!

After having many long discussions with the staff over the last few days, I do want to make it clear to all of our parents and carers that teachers will unfortunately not have the capacity to write comments on these homework activities on 'Seesaw' or 'Tapestry'.

As I am sure you will all understand, due to the nature of the way that we have to have provision in school in order to protect class bubbles, at the moment the teachers are teaching their classes all day and providing targeted feedback to as many pupils as they can in school (without taking books home as this increases the risk of cross contamination), resourcing and delivering additional focused phonics, maths, reading and writing sessions in order to facilitate pupil catch up, supporting the children over their lunch break and play times, organising home learning for any pupils who are off due to self-isolation and uploading this to our online learning platform, recording video teaching of key objectives for that day and giving feedback to any children who are learning from home on 'Seesaw' or 'Tapestry'.

Because of all of these things that the teaching staff have to get through each day to keep things going for our children whilst sticking to class bubbles and implementing a catch up curriculum, I felt that expecting the teachers to also add comments to homework activities was simply a step too far and not manageable at the moment. However, the teachers will still look at the activities which are uploaded and will give posts a 'like' to acknowledge receipt of each one, but there will be no written comments made.

We look forward to seeing all of the great activities which our families will be putting on to our online learning platforms in the future.

Best wishes

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