

Weekly Word

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To all Parents/Carers,

Week three of Lockdown 3.0 is now nearing an end – I hope you all managed to navigate your way through it. I also hope you and your families are healthy and well.

There isn't too much to report this week but I always welcome the opportunity to say congratulations and thank you to all the children at Markeaton for applying themselves in the classroom and at home. The teaching staff continue to applaud all of their hard work and I can honestly say that the KS1 and KS2 Gold Book Assemblies on Teams are a huge highlight for me. And well done to all our parents/carers as well – you're doing an amazing job and we thank you.

One thing I do need to mention though is some of the ongoing tweaks to Remote Learning. This week we extended the daily submission time to 11:59pm and uploaded the assignments the night before. This seemed to make a big difference to lots of families so we are pleased that helped. Moving forward...

- Next week, from Monday, we will be exploring the use of 'live' learning. If you recall, this is either 'real-time' or pre-recorded learning from your child's class teacher. More details will follow on your child's Microsoft Teams class platform but for now, all you need to know is that it's on its way! As we have always said, please don't feel pressured to attend every lesson or complete every assignment. We know how hard it is to juggle everything at home so do what you can and know that you have our full support.
- Due to very low attendance, and sadly a few issues around appropriate use, we will be ending virtual breaktimes from Monday too.

And finally, if you are struggling with any aspect of remote learning, including access to enough devices, then please get in touch and we will do our very best to help.

Have a lovely weekend and see you at the assembly on Monday ☺

Mr I. Johnson

