

Dear all,

Firstly, I hope you are all well and keeping up your social distancing.

We have been busy putting together your online home learning packs and making some hard copies for parents who do not have internet access. Whilst we have tried hard to ensure all areas are covered, I am sure there will be teething problems, but we will get there!

The challenge you face in taking on the task to 'teach' your child is not an easy one and this may be for longer than first expected. At times you may feel overwhelmed and at others elated at your success. However, I am confident that with perseverance and a positive attitude you will prevail.

In an effort to support you in your efforts I will share a few pearls of wisdom (I fully expect that you have already employed some or all!).

1. Set a routine – a timetable to structure your day will be useful (I will post an example on the website)
2. Focus on the positive – not the negative. Praise, praise and praise.
3. Understand that some days will be better than others! Drip feeding and learning step by step is what you are aiming to do.
4. Review your week – celebrate the achievements that have been made (stickers rewards etc) and make a target for the following week.
5. This is a chance for you to learn too. What is a fronted adverbial or a preposition? How to do long division (maths calculation policy online) or the 9 times table!
6. Finally, you are not alone. If you need advice, support or help get in touch.

Warbstow Primary academy remains closed but the Warbstow staff are still hard at it. Tintagel school is our hub school at the moment and local key worker children are cared for there by teams of TA and teaching staff, including our own.

Well done to you all for rising to the challenge to teach from home.

Thank you to all the key workers for their efforts during this time, and remember don't let them stop reading!

Best wishes from me and the team.

Mr S Ellis.