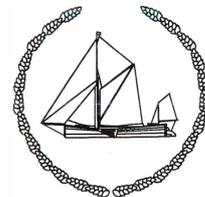

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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, on behalf of everyone at Rolph, thank you for your continued perseverance with remote learning and the demands that the current pandemic is placing on families in so many ways.

The negative mental health consequences of lockdown on families has been highlighted in several studies over the past year, and more recently, the particular impact on children and young people. As part of the ongoing review of remote education provision, a slight change has been planned. It is hoped that this change will benefit your children's wellbeing, as well as your own and that of our staff.

We are introducing "Wellbeing Wednesday" from 10th February 2021 which will allow time to focus on exploring different types of learning, embracing learning outside the confines of a digital world. On Wednesdays, from 12.45 pm this will be an opportunity for you and your child to do something which makes you happy and encourages children to try new activities.

Suggested activities to consider are outdoor learning or life skills, for example, food preparation, sewing, construction, decorating, caring for a pet and creative arts. Children who attend school will also be joining in these types of activities.

It may be that some of the activities your children do on Wednesday afternoons could count towards eventually earning badges on their Vine Passport, so please keep pictures for this when the children return to school.

On Wednesday afternoons, in order to assist with staff well-being, teachers may not comment on messages received after 12.45pm via the digital platforms used in school (Class Dojo /Teams) until the following day. However, if you have any urgent messages, attendance or sickness to report to the school, please contact the school office by telephone – 01255 861317 or email admin.rolph@dcvst.org, so that these can be dealt with appropriately.

Teachers have been impressed with the additional work and projects that many of you have been sharing on Class Dojo, beyond the remote learning assignments that have been set. Please be understanding if staff are not able to comment on all your posts; the remote learning provision that Rolph is offering means that teachers need to monitor, feedback and assess all the assignments that form part of the main curriculum, and it is not always possible to also comment on individual pieces of work that have been shared in addition to that. Wellbeing Wednesday will recognise the importance of the extended curriculum and there will be some opportunities to share and celebrate this learning over the term.

I can confirm that Teachers will continue providing the daily class lessons for Wednesday mornings.

Yours faithfully

Ms C Bickersteth
Acting Headteacher

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