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Well it has been an unusual week in so many respects hasn't it? I think it is testament to humans adaptability to change that we seem to have shifted into the new 'normal' without too much difficulty.

I wonder in years to come what we will tell our grandchildren of this year and how the world changed overnight in ways that we just couldn't have comprehended or though possible before.

Amongst the challenges though there are some lovely moments – I don't think that those of us who stood outside last night to clap the NHS will forget that in a hurry. My family who are isolated in a rural Somerset valley described how they went out to clap thinking that it would be them alone only to hear the sound of clapping, cheering and pots banging being carried on the still night air from up and down the valley. It is moments like this when we feel alone that we realise we truly aren't.

Sometimes life brings you other lovely moments – for my wonderful wife, Kelly, and I one such moment happened recently. For following a successful round of IVF I'm delighted to say that Kelly is pregnant ☺. All being well we should welcome the new addition to the Metcalf family on or around the 13th October this year.

I'll leave you on that bit of happy news; whatever you get up to, have a good week, work hard and enjoy yourselves.

Mr M.

Online Learning

I hope that you are all enjoying the online learning – we would love to have your feedback on what works well and what we can improve so please do get in touch if you have any ideas - admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk.

Here are some of the questions that we've been asked already:

Will my child's work be marked?

The quick answer here is no, teachers won't be marking work done by pupils at home however we will be looking at all of the work that comes in and commenting / providing feedback when we can.

When feedback (marking) is carried out at school it follows on from a structured lesson and individual / group discussion with the pupil which in turn informs the marking. In essence when teachers mark they are using their knowledge of each individual's progress, misconceptions, support given and areas for improvement in that particular lesson to inform what they write as the next learning step. It is obviously not possible to do this when the learning is distance based.

What should we do if we don't complete the work?

Don't worry if you can't complete all of the work – whilst we would love you to do as much as possible we are under no illusions that it is not a normal school day for the pupils. We will provide the work that the pupils would normally carry out over a school day so that your child has the opportunity to undertake it if time allows. If you can't complete it all then try and do a mixture of the work on offer each day paying particular attention to maths, reading and writing.

How can we contact a teacher if we have a question and when should we expect an answer?

If you'd like to contact a class teacher with a query the best way to do it is via the school office –

admin@birdlip.gloucs.sch.uk.

We will endeavour to get a response to you as quickly as we can however please remember that we are facing the same challenges that many of you are. The staff here are opening the school on a daily basis to provide provision for Key workers as well as ensuring that the curriculum is uploaded on to SeeSaw, providing feedback and approving comments (each class generates upwards of 150 a day all of which need approving) and of course looking after their own families and children.

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