

## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

As we reach the end of the second week of 'home school', it's time to press pause with setting work. We know that for many families there will be no pause button as key workers have rest days and holidays cancelled in an effort to keep our communities safe, healthy and fed.

For many families the urge to get out and about will be strong, especially for those who have had holidays cancelled. Please resist and do remember the important restrictions and social distancing measures, especially to keep the most vulnerable members of our community safe.

We have taken time to reflect on the feedback we have received about the way we are setting work, all the many positives as well as the areas of concern you have raised. When the new term begins we will be trialling and exploring some new ways of working which we hope will streamline the way work is set and the way staff and students can communicate with each other.

We will provide further updates towards the end of the holiday and into the new term.

Whilst for most this is not going to be the holiday time you were expecting, I do hope that all of you are able to have some precious family time together. This week as a staff team we have reflected on Terry Waite's instruction to change our mindset and remember we are 'safe at home' not 'stuck at home'. I hope that is a useful reflection for you too.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

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## **Where can I go to get support to help keep my child safe online?**

We recognise that as most of your child's 'school day' is now spent online, you may want more guidance about keeping your child safe whilst using the internet. This is the latest guidance issued by DfE.

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)



## **Nidderdale e-STARS**

Congratulations to Jeevan Shergill, Alison Snow, Sophie Bate, James Cooke, Jess Graeme and Roisin Carrington for being nominated as our first Nidderdale e-STARS.

## Spring has sprung!

Staff and students alike have been remembering the importance of 'taking notice' and 'staying in contact'.

Here are some lovely photographs we have received and shared via Twitter and Mrs Wright's KS3 Bulletin.



### **Nidd News Flipped!**

Well done to Jess and Jamie Graeme for creating and planting a vegetable patch.

They have also planted potatoes in a separate patch.

### **Lockers**

Our courageous site manager Mr McBeath has done a spot check of every locker in school and has dealt with a range of mouldy sandwiches and rotting fruit! I'm afraid he has not put any PE kit in the wash!

Please be assured that all belongings left in school are either still in lockers or in a place of safe keeping waiting to be reunited with their owners.



### **Proud piece**

Well done to Roisin Carrington – Ms Adams was very impressed with this amazing drawing of a heart and wanted to share it.