

A big hello to you all!

I really hope you and your family are well. What a lot of day-to-day changes we're all having to get used to!

Well, my family are busy working at home and I'm doing my school work too. It was strange to start with, but we're getting used to it now. My sons, Alexander and Dominic, have become new pupils for me to teach! They really are missing school and their teachers because it's just not the same being at home. There were a lot of messages and emails for them to follow and work out what to do. They sometimes get stuck, but they keep calm now and have a break then go back and try again. Their bedrooms have now become mini-classrooms with pens, paper and books everywhere! (I still have to remind them to tidy up when it's 'home-time' though!) Everyday we talk about what they need to do and they tell me what they've learnt or completed. Dominic thought it was so funny the other day when it was raining and I exclaimed, "Oh no, it's going to be a wet playtime for you!" I'd forgotten he wasn't actually at school! The boys are very relieved when it's time for me to go to school... it gives them a break from me asking too many questions. They say they have enough teachers checking up on them! I've enjoyed being at school; it's great seeing those of you who are there.

As a family, we're really enjoying having extra time together to go for walks and look for as many signs of science we can spot. We have 'Game Nights' and play Monopoly, Cluedo and cards. I've been gardening in the sunshine too. I've even been joining in with Joe Wicks a few times. I'm not very quick, but the exercise makes me feel positive and happier and I love the quizzes too. (Maybe I should send him a science quiz?) I hope you have managed to have a go as well or if not, please go outside into your garden to play or for a walk with an adult - or even make your own exercise routines up.

My family and neighbours aren't able to go out, so I've been busy shopping for them. (I'm really careful to follow the new rules.) I've learnt some new baking skills ... rather yummy recipes! And of course, every Thursday we show our appreciation for the NHS and Key Workers by giving them a round of applause. They are doing a fantastic job keeping us all safe and providing for us.

Now, can you do something for me please? Try hard with your Learning Packs, Spelling Shed and TT Rock stars. Get some fresh air and enjoy the extra time to play. Please be kind to one another and patient with your family - it's busy all being at home. But most of all, keep your wonderful smiles going!

Missing you all, take care,

Mrs Woodley