

Randlay Primary School and Nursery has continued to be open throughout the Covid 19 pandemic. It has been a challenging time but the staff and community have worked incredibly well together to enable the children to continue to have the best provision possible during these times. We have also truly appreciated the support given via the Council in a variety of different ways.

During the partially closed period , many children were learning from home and supported through remote learning in a variety of ways including via Microsoft Teams. This worked very well indeed and we were also very grateful to receive support from the council with laptops to help. These donated laptops in addition to those purchased from school meant that each child could learn remotely via Teams if they wished to. Other initiatives such as The Winter Coat project have also ensured that any families in need were able to have a coat and shoes for their children. The support given to local families with the school uniform nearly new recycling stall at the Randlay Community Centre was fantastic and was greatly appreciated by our many families when school fully reopened. This was a challenging and worrying time for many as children had grown yet shops were not open and families did not always have the funds to buy.

As we returned to school fully, our focus has been to ensure the children have settled well again in to school routines. We believe that a happy child learns best so have focussed on ensuring they have felt reassured and supported during this time whilst also identifying the gaps in learning for which careful planning and teaching has been steered towards. Outdoor learning continues to be a real priority for us especially in these more challenging times. We are committed to ensuring that our children learn to thoroughly appreciate the outdoor area as much as possible and with this also have many opportunities to develop socially and mentally. The waterproof all in ones for which we had a contribution from the council, are used weekly during inclement weather and have been incredibly useful. Our current outdoor projects involve currently developing our separate garden area further in anticipation of growing some of our own vegetables and cooking them! In addition to this we are hoping to purchase a story chair and stumps near to the garden area so that the children can continue to appreciate the wildlife around them.

We are continually looking for ways in which we can support the wider community and be actively involved in community projects with the children as much as possible.