



"Learning is a journey, to be taken together, one step at a time"



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today's update...week 5.

This has been my second full week back in school leading the Onchan Hub. It has been lovely seeing the children again and doing something that actually involves being with them and not just working remotely. Teachers aren't very good when we don't actually see the children, so being at home is a little difficult at times.

I know that next week when Mr Kelly resumes "command" he will have a great week and for the children it's good for them to see some different faces.

On that note, the children are all coping phenomenally well and showing all of the resilience and humour that is so essential to keep us all going at this current time.

The teachers, MSR and IQ staff have continued to support the children in the different groups with a huge range of activities. Their creativity is great and the endless energy and optimism they bring, which is what the children need at the moment, especially when they are missing their friends.

I have to say an extra special thanks to our cleaning team here at Onchan who are doing such an incredible job each day. They genuinely do not stop and are deep cleaning so much. They are truly exhausted but coming in each day with a smile and genuine pleasure seeing the children. Teamwork is truly coming to the fore and I have seen first-hand, that ability to pull together, in what are such difficult times.

As per the Ministers announcements, whilst we are seeing some industries starting to return to the workplace the Hubs are open for those children of key workers who have no alternate care. We are still socially distancing- the children are so good at it- total superstars!- and we are continuing to set up our rooms with only a small number of children in them to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Again, the sunshine has stayed with us which has made each day more enjoyable. I hope it continues next week so that everyone can maximise some outdoor learning. Please make sure that the children have had sunscreen applied, have sufficient drinks etc to keep them hydrated and safe in this gorgeous sunny weather when they come in each day.

Have the best weekend possible. Stay safe and well and thank you for your support this week.

Jo Richardson

Headteacher (Onchan)