

25th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you are all well and managing to keep safe by social-distancing. The school is a very quiet place at the moment and I, and the staff, can't wait to open again. The joy of the children, the buzz of school and positive interactions will all return hopefully in the near future.

In the meantime, the teaching teams are endeavouring to provide opportunities and ideas for home learning. Currently, we have class pages and a PE page. However; we are currently working on additional pages such as a 'secret reader', golden ticket and SEND. Further information will be sent to you once these have been created.

I can imagine how difficult this is for parents and children. My advice would be to do what you can (don't stress if you can't do everything), keep a routine and stay positive. Any learning is good learning! I'm sure in addition to any home learning completed that the children may come back to school with an array of new skills such as knowing how to play chess or how to wash dishes!

Please note that although the school is closed, it is voluntarily running a 'skeleton' staff to provide critical childcare for those that desperately need it. This is for parents who are critical workers in the response to covid 19 and are not able to work at home, have childcare at home or coordinate shifts. It is essential to have all children at home to stop the virus spreading.

I would like to thank all the critical workers for everything that they are doing and the risks that they are putting themselves and families in. This includes my staff who are still coming in to school to provide critical childcare.

All my best,

Mr Barron