

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your children are well.

At Gade Valley, we are continuing to provide activities and home learning to engage, interest and motivate the pupils. Please continue to look at the home learning page and watch the daily briefing to get an idea of any new initiatives or deadlines. I know how challenging the current situation is for everyone, so I would remind you to just do what you can, try and keep a routine, exploit any learning opportunities and enjoy the quality time that you all have together.

We are all missing the children terribly and can't wait to welcome them back in to school. It is hoped that this Sunday's briefing will give some understanding about children returning to school; once we have some further information, I hope to clarify further details with you.

Please note that although the school is closed, we are 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. All places need to be booked in via the office as the school is operating a tiered system to operate safely.

I would once again 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. The staff and I are extremely appreciative of all the positive feedback and kind messages that we have received – it is wonderful to be part of such a supportive school community.

Take care and stay safe,

Daniel Barron
Headteacher