

27th March 2020

Update to Parents, Carers, Families

Good morning. We hope this finds you safe and well. The Prime Minister's announcement on Monday night to start a lockdown of the country for the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic changed the day-to-day for everybody.

Our plan today is for every teacher to have a phone call with each family. It will be an opportunity to speak to you about the week. It is a great chance for your child to hear their teacher's voice and engage in a form of communication from the teacher that they will recognise. We now have 81 staff off unwell so if it is not your teacher it will be another member of the team your child knows.

The class teacher will ask you for a time up to 3pm during their 9:30-10:00 home learning email. Please let them know the best time and preferred phone number. We do not want to add any pressure to your day so it is optional. We are certainly missing our school community and hope this is a way for us to connect.

The measures across the week to transition the community into lockdown continued to increase with the announcement of police enforcement yesterday. The news is constant and could cause stress and anxiety. The NHS have very useful resources focused on supporting mental health and wellbeing. It is called 'Every Mind Matters' and located here: <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>.

The Learning Disability England Organisation are also holding a webinar today at 2pm which brings families together to connect and discuss ways to plan around the coronavirus emergency. It is free and you can join through this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/families-sharing-ideas-and-strategies-for-plans-during-coronavirus-tickets-100756214550> <https://www.learningdisabilityengland.org.uk/>



Updated full guidance from government: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/full-guidance-on-staying-at-home-and-away-from-others>

We look forward to speaking to you and your child today. The school community's safety and wellbeing remains at the heart of our reflections.