

J/DR/CFile/Parent1/MsM

20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

First and foremost, I hope that you and your family are well.

Thank you so much for your support this week and all the sensible precautions you have been taking around your family's health. Thank you too, for all your kind words and offers of support; it means a lot to us all.

Given the national closure of schools, we are working hard to support your child's learning from home. Our web page has been re-designed to make access to e-learning much easier. Although the current arrangements are a massive challenge to parents, children and schools they also do present an opportunity for children to develop independent learning skills which can accelerate their learning when things return to normal.

Please be mindful that we have been given limited time to prepare for completely changing how we work. I can promise you that my staff are working hard to provide online resources and lessons. This will improve further as the weeks develop.

Last night the Government published their 'Guidance for schools, colleges and local authorities on maintaining educational provision' <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

They are asking parents **'to keep their children at home, wherever possible and asking schools to remain open only for the children who absolutely need to attend'**. They point out that schools need to be safe places for children and staff, therefore **'the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society'**.

We will be open for a minority of pupils, as designated by the Government involving 'key workers'. If you have any queries or concerns during this very challenging time, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

My very best wishes.



D Randle
Headteacher