

Learning and Caring Together,
“...they will flourish in the courts of our God.” (Psalm 92:13)

COVID-19 School Closure Keeping in touch: Letter 4

17th April 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are all now aware that government directives remain in place for at least the next three weeks. I am sure we all agree with the priorities, that communities stay safe and that the NHS is protected so that they are in a position to care for anybody that does need treatment for COVID-19. It is also important that people needing urgent treatment also access the NHS as they usually would. I have received a request from the Child Death Overview Panel to share their newsletter (attached to this email). Designated Doctors and other paediatricians around the UK are concerned that, in the current COVID pandemic, many families are not receiving the health and social care support they need and are less willing to attend hospital for their children's health care needs. Some children are arriving in hospital very sick, or worse. The reason for this late attendance is the fear of acquiring COVID in hospital. Please read the newsletter and follow the advice within.

I hope you had a lovely 'Easter holiday' and continued to enjoy the spring sunshine and have remained safe and well. The children and staff in school have had another good week. They have made Easter nests, chicken key rings, written letters to residents in care homes, completed 'Lego challenges', looked after our garden, had picnic lunches and had many more lovely experiences in school. The children are proud of the work they are showcasing to the community on our school gates and I am very proud of them too!

Thank you for emailing photos and pictures in to Mrs Leese. It is lovely for us and other families to see them featuring in our newsletter each week! You will be able to share much more easily from next week through Class Dojo too. I have shared our progress on developing this each week and I am pleased to confirm that you should get your sign up email today, should you wish to join. As previously communicated, **you are not obliged to 'sign up' but please note, by accessing and trialling the system, you are giving permission to share your child's photographs/learning etc until you deactivate your account and/or notify the school.** The staff are really looking forward to being more connected and interactive with their classes. Teachers will be posting a 'hello' video to their classes by Monday morning (20th) so please share this with your child and trial this means of communication between home and school.

The paper learning packs for next week are already with you and the home learning platform development on our website is going well behind the scenes. Electronic packs will be uploaded by

9.00am on 27th April 2020. Most 'lessons' are on PowerPoint presentations and children can use their exercise books to complete any work needing paper/recording.

Remember to read our weekly newsletter with your child. These are uploaded to our website every Monday and are another link in staying connected with school. I have seen many children, from a distance, on daily health walks, bike rides and clapping for carers in my street. It really does brighten my day to see them and I can't wait to see what they are up to on dojo next week!

Take care all! With very best wishes,



Mrs S. Machin
Principal

