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Headteachers' Update 23rd April 2020

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to our very first remote summer term!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the chance to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's understandable if you and your child feel anxious and frustrated at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together.

Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know.

We miss having the pupils in school, but we must continue to follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with safe and well checks, online learning, linked adult sessions using Teams App, regular emails to pupils and parents, twitter updates, website updates, the option for children of critical workers to attend school, staff continue to hold meetings using Teams App, academic work set using email and paper based, laptops provided to pupils without IT access, provide links for pupils to access various online learning platforms (BBC Bitesize etc), continue to allow pupils remote access to the shared area and their own personal area on the school network server, continue to provide meals vouchers to pupils who qualify for free school meals, parents have access to the National Online Safety website for valuable information and free training opportunities, etc. From Monday 27th April all pupils, parents and staff will have access to the Safer Schools App and this will have regular safeguarding updates (videos, documents etc.), it's also linked to the school website news page/blog, policies, and new calendar page. Look out for an email with you log in details and information on how to download and the app.

But just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean that education must stop. Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term – so keep a close eye on the school website, Twitter, and your email account. Our teachers will be setting plenty of tasks for pupils to get stuck into over the summer term. Do remind your child to follow the timetables sent out to you and to take breaks away from screens as well, and also make time for having fun and connecting with friends and family.

We also love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home – please keep sending their work in to your teachers as we would like to showcase it in due course.

While we can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep pupils learning and the school connected.

Kind regards

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