



Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers

Weekly Update from Headteacher #1

So, one week completed. How has it been? I take my hat off to all those who are juggling home working and home learning : not an easy combination, I know.

Have you managed to create a rhythm or structure for Home Learning yet? Remember that there is no one pattern and routine that works for every situation, and most families will still be working out the rhythm that works for them.

As was made clear in the news over the weekend, we are all in this for the long haul so take it easy : review with your child(ren) what worked well / not so well last week. Remind them that they do need to keep working even though the Easter break is nearly upon us. Remind them that their teachers, Mr Catchpole and Mrs Barker expect them to still try their very best and focus, as well as listen to what their new teachers are saying!

Reviewing how we keep in touch with your child

Later this week your child's teacher will be emailing to discuss some important aspects of learning from home and how we will be keeping in touch with your child. There are a number of logistical and organisational hurdles that we need to work around but we are moving towards more teacher-child communication. Every household has been using various virtual methods of interacting with others beyond their walls. We have plans to implement this between teachers and children straight after the Easter break.

Using the VLE

When you log on to the VLE please remember to log in with your child's login. This will enable you to access what your child needs to access. It also means that your child can submit work to their teacher (although we have not asked them to do this ... yet).

Last week we carried out a check on which children had not logged on to the VLE. We will continue to carry out this review, but we are aware that there are some very good reasons why a child has not been able to log on for a certain period of time.

The VLE was established and set up for a different purpose than that for which we are now using it. Thank you for bearing with us as we test it out in real life and make it work better for us all.

We are creating a page of activities for your child to have a go at over the Easter break. We appreciate that it will not be the sort of Easter break we imagined, so some extra activities might be useful.

We are also creating a page on the VLE which will contain many weblinks to a plethora of Home Learning sites. This will go live sometime before Easter.

I have attached a blank proforma grid from the Learning Log. Feel free to print this out and use should the original go walkabout for a bit.



Learning In school

Learning is continuing in school with a small group of Key Workers' children. If you are a key worker and your child care situation changes, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or Mrs Barker. We are here to make sure you can carry out your crucial role effectively.

Well-Being and Health

If your child is struggling in any way we are still around. Send us an email and we can get back to you. You and your children are not being cast adrift from BJS.

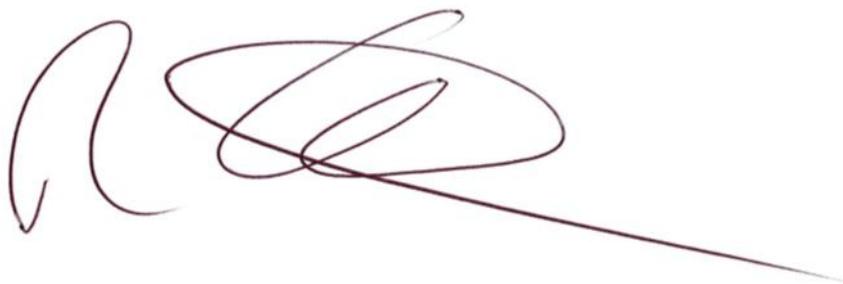
I have attached a useful piece which provides some useful thoughts around maintaining positive well being at this time.

Please remember that If you have a Safeguarding concern around any child please contact us or Surrey Children's Services:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/childrens-social-care/contact-childrens-services>

or phone 0300 470 9100.

Take care,



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