



# Carrington Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## April News Update

As this is the usual time that I would be writing a newsletter, I thought I would continue to do so in a much shorter yet equally informative way. As they have been for everyone, the last couple of weeks of school were very difficult, in fact I don't think I will ever forget the faces of parents as they were leaving school premises for the enforced shutdown.

Last week our school was used for childcare, an equally different role for staff. We duly made rotas for staff to attend school amidst great uncertainty of numbers. We began the week with 12 children and by Wednesday this had diminished to 3 with one child expected on Thursday. It was simply not safe or viable to keep a school open in such circumstances. We collaborated with the Infant School and decided to keep one site open and use both staffs and therefore minimise the risk of infection even more. Again, the situation became untenable as the numbers at the Infant School also decreased as parents found other solutions for childcare, Mrs Morrison made the decision to close the school.

I would like to say how proud I have been of our staff during these uncertain weeks. All the staff were keen to support the children in terms of planning home learning and turning up for work with lots of ideas of how to entertain the children. Your children are very lucky to have such a caring staff.

We will continue to support your children with the home learning. We hope that this is going well and the children are getting on well with their range of activities. We realise that for many of you, as for many of us, there may not be enough computers at home for everyone to do their work at the same time and that your time may be split between home working and looking after children, some who may be much younger and need much of your time. Please remember the most important learning activity to do with your children is to keep reading.

We have added the WHO advice for looking after your children and dealing with this difficult time together to the 'Guide to home learning for adults' section of our home learning hub. We hope you will find these useful.

A great quote that comes to mind is: "Ask not what your country can do for you... ask what you can do for your country." JF Kennedy.

So please 'Stay safe, stay at home, protect our NHS' and take good care of yourselves.

Kind regards

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Head Teacher