



# BORINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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*We take pride in everything we do.*

Dear Parents,

This week, you will have received a letter from Rob Haring, CEO of WEST. A few parents have asked why some schools are opening and Boringdon is not. Rob was referring to Edu-care, and Boringdon has been open for this right from the start of the lockdown. In fact, we have been open every day, including the Easter holiday. The only days we have been closed, are weekends and bank holidays.

Most of the schools in WEST have been closed, as the Trust moved to a HUB model for Edu-care. I can absolutely see the logic in this, but at Boringdon, the staff felt that the children and parents would prefer to attend in their normal environment. Therefore, I took the decision for our school to remain open for Edu-care. This could only be done with the full support of our staff, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication and care. They have been willing to travel to work and conduct themselves in a professional manner in really trying circumstances. They have been a credit to the school and themselves.

In the coming weeks, the school will continue to offer home learning as an alternative to a normal school education. I fully appreciate the difficulties this presents to many of you. I am not only the Headteacher of Boringdon, but also a father of three, whose wife also has to work four days a week. Apart from three days, I have been in every day since the lockdown was enforced, including the Easter holiday. Therefore, in my own household, home learning has been a challenge and I have relied upon my daughter (who has just turned 18) to implement this. Without her, I'm not sure what we would have done, so I fully appreciate the challenges you face. All we ask is that you do the best you can. This period is clearly going to have an impact on children's learning and I am already looking at how we can offer additional support in the next academic year.

Finally, as I am sure you are aware, there is a push to re-open schools as soon as possible. Please let me reassure you that we are beginning to make plans for this event. It will be a challenge and will require a fair degree of flexibility on all parts. However, as always, we will do our utmost to ensure that the children return to a safe and caring environment. Social distancing will require all of us working together - it will be a challenge, but I know we will rise to it

Yours sincerely

Mr J Scales  
Headteacher

