

Dear Parents

I hope you and your children are all well and that you have managed to get your daily walk/hike in while the sun is with us. If your children are missing school, do walk past as we have started to decorate the windows - to remind our children that we are all thinking of them.

Our teachers have had a week of trying to master new technology and the online world so we can adequately support you over the coming weeks after Easter. It was nice to stick to the good old phone this week - hopefully everyone in our school has now received a phone call home - just to say hello, remind your children of the golden rules and to offer our support.

The next two weeks are officially Easter - so please try and relax and have some proper family time enjoying the things you can at home. As I have already mentioned, don't worry about any learning packs until after Easter, this is a key time to support your children's emotional well being in a way that only you know and can. Every family is different and needs different things. If you are struggling in any way please do email me and I can see what support we can offer or direct you to.

I would like to thank you all for managing to keep your children and us safe by staying home this last week. I loved the email I received from one family - self isolating their children in a tent in the garden - great! If you don't have a garden, encouraging your children to make their own den somewhere in the house helps - we all need our own space at times!

**Another email will follow for the families that registered with us last week for emergency childcare provision.** We are trying to make a decision in regards to the school remaining open or closing over Easter - for vulnerable children and critical key workers. This needs to be replied to by tomorrow morning so we can make a decision. If you did not register with us initially and now find yourself to be a key worker, please email me directly and I will call you tomorrow.

Today would have been the day of our whole school outdoor learning project - including tree planting with the local community - with this perfect weather! When we reunite, we will take all the children along to the rugby field so they can choose a tree each to assign their name to.

Thank you for your patience as we set up new procedures. Your support has been appreciated and the staff have been moved by the kind messages sent at this really difficult time for everyone.

I've attached a link below for a very clever hand washing demonstration - if you haven't seen this one - with white gloves and black paint - please watch/do with your children as a powerful reminder. I'm sure you have seen many of them online.

Take care everyone, with best wishes,

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