

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents

As we enter the end of our fourth term of this academic year I would like to thank you for the support you have shown the school since we closed last week. This is a hugely trying time for us all, and I am proud of the way in which children and staff have all adjusted to our new way of life for the time being.

At this stage, I do not know when we will all meet in school again, but needless to say I am looking forward to reuniting with you all in due course.

Since we closed we have continued to support our community through offering an emergency cover service for key personnel who are still required to work. This is a service only to be used when children cannot be looked after at home.

Teachers sent work home as we closed which was intended to last until the start of the Easter holiday, which incidentally is today. We hope that children have enjoyed their home learning so far, but please do bear in mind that whilst it's good to have the work, it is not helpful for children or parents to feel overwhelmed trying to complete everything or trying to replicate the school day at home. For some, if not all of us, these unprecedented times are probably going to be stressful. Try to enjoy spending time with your children and remember that children learn best when they're happy.

Teachers will set more work at the start of term 5, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. To make things easier for parents to access work going forward, teachers will be posting work on Google Classroom. To access this, each child needs their own school Gmail address and password. These have all been set up by the IT department and will be sent to you soon. Children and parents can then use these accounts to log in from home to access their learning. Currently, teachers are busy setting up their Google Classroom ready for week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

I have attached a guide to show you how to log in to Google Classroom for those of you that are new to it. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher using their email address.

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy and I wish everyone a happy Easter.

Kind regards

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