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Dear Parents

At the beginning of what is likely to be an incredibly difficult time for you and your families, I wanted you to know that the school is and will continue to be fully supportive of you and your children.

General

You will find all learning on the Junior School area according to year groups. We are trying to make the learning easily accessible and varied. We are still learning, but are continually challenging ourselves to improve.

We have always encouraged Junior School pupils to take responsibility for their own learning (however young) and I am sure that they will continue to do their best in these challenging circumstances. It is important for them not to worry; it is important for them to do other things, too, particularly exercise. They will also enjoy the opportunity to help out at home, particularly baking - or gardening if this is still possible.

Guidance for remote learning - safeguarding and online safety.

1. Please use the teacher's school email address for communication.
2. If you need to phone school, please call the school office.
3. Pupils and teachers may not communicate on social media.
4. Our normal safeguarding procedures apply; please contact myself or Mrs Jeffrey if you have concerns. See the Safeguarding Policy on the school website.

Well being and routines.

School work has been posted on Firefly under the relevant classes. It will help to have a regular rising time and a timetable of sorts even though you will not be coming into school.

You will be able to monitor how much of each task your child can manage in any one 'sitting', but try to keep to a routine with regular short breaks.

Social Distancing



1. We are reminded that we need to be far more active about our approach to social distancing. This means limited contact in public places.
2. We should all maintain a distance of **at least 2 metres** with people who are not in our family group.
3. If any member of your family becomes ill with a persistent cough and or/fever you must all self-isolate and follow guidance from NHS. Doctors have asked us to remind you that you must not visit the surgery. All medical appointments are undergoing telephone triage.
4. Please be safe. Be aware of cross contamination of surfaces via touching railings, bin handles, letter boxes etc. Washing hands regularly is really important.
5. **Please do not come to school.** We are continuing to operate by providing care for keyworker children and have strict procedures in place to maintain a safe environment that protects the pupils and staff that are having to be in school. If you have an enquiry please contact the school office and someone will be able to help you.
6. **Key worker children** and children who are vulnerable: We are ready to support those who fall into the specific categories that the have been outlined by the government. The starting point remains, however, that this is only for those categories and *only if they cannot be safely cared for in the home*. The guidance is that if children can be at home they should be. This is because physical distancing is very challenging to enforce with children so keeping ratios low is important. For your information: we will not be delivering lessons but are trying to fill the supervisory role that key worker parents will not be able to do whilst they are working to support us with essential services. Key worker parents will be asked to sign up to a parent contract to help us maintain the safest of practices. Mrs Kirk will be sending this to the relevant parents shortly; Dr Walker has asked parents to contact him directly. Tomorrow morning parents of these children should bring them to Pitsford Hall (Seniors) and Junior School Reception (Juniors) dressed in clean Pitsford sports kit.

Please take care of yourselves and each other. Thank you to those of you in essential jobs required to keep the country running during this period of national emergency. Thank you to all of you who are contributing in other ways, not least by caring for your loved ones and observing the new rules.

I hope you and your families stay well.

Yours sincerely,



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