



20th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the Easter break I wanted to provide you with an update.

Over the next week or so, the school's pastoral team will make contact by phone with as many parents as we can to check on how children are coping with the work set and with the lockdown generally. Please see this as a supportive action and do let us know of any issues that have arisen. We can't promise to solve every individual problem of course but we do want to keep in touch with you, support you and help if we can.

It is now clear that the lockdown, including the closure of schools, will continue for at least another three weeks and even then, how quickly schools will fully open is uncertain. Your child's teachers are looking at ways to further support them and you, with enhancements and refinements through Show my Homework and other platforms.

I am grateful for the valuable feedback provided by the Parents' Forum group on how the home learning is progressing and I hope to be able to use their observations to further develop learning in the next weeks.

I would just repeat the messages of previous letters that we appreciate that learning from home is not easy for pupils and parents. We are not expecting you to home school your children but to support them in their learning. This can be done by providing good, healthy routines and a structure to the day. You know your children better than anyone else and I want you to have the confidence to make good decisions about when they should move on from a task that has become too frustrating for them.

Also included on the school's website is a list of services and websites you may find useful to support your children at this time.

Thank you for your continued support

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