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Life in all its fullness

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Dear All

One thing is for certain, we continue to live in uncertain times!

We have a number of staff unable to come to work, currently, either because they are undergoing a family isolation or because they fall into a 'vulnerable category'.

Staff not in school are:

Mrs Watkins (Deputy Headteacher / SENDco/Fox Class)

Miss Smith (Owl Class)

Mrs Waters (Butterfly Class)

Mrs Aylett (Music/ 1 to 1)

Mrs Thornton (Office)

Mrs McMenamin (Cleaner)

Mrs Browning (Kitchen)

Mrs Gillingham (Kitchen)

Miss Jarrett (Hall at lunchtime)

Today we implemented our contingency plans as we ran the school with three teachers and all our wonderful Teaching Assistants. Miss Robinson and Miss Crook have supported me brilliantly today. I would like thank them for being such fantastic colleagues. All of the children are safe, but not all are following the usual timetable of lessons. I am sure you understand why! Mrs Crumbie is doing extra shifts in the hall at lunchtime and our remaining cleaner Mr Pragnell soldiered on alone last night. This evening Mrs Watson, Mrs Ray and Mrs Davidson have pitched in to support him. Thank you ladies! Mrs Munt has done a wonderful job in the school office and kept a smile on her face the whole time. What a brick! She must be spinning with the amount of messages she has taken and sent.

Indeed 'thank you' to all our wonderful staff, who are keeping calm and carrying on! Also a very big WELL DONE to our pupils who have behaved really well and risen to the challenge! I am very proud of them.

As it stands tomorrow and Friday we will have four teachers and all our lovely Teaching Assistants. Our catering company are doing a great job of continuing to provide hot dinners and I would like to thank them for all their efforts.

Number of pupils attending in each class

Table with 6 columns: Class/ Date, 16/03/20, 17/03/20, 18/03/20, 19/03/20, 20/03/20. Rows include Butterfly, Owl, Woodpecker, Fox, Robin, and TOTAL ABSENT.

In our efforts to keep going:

- Parents, grandparents and carers **please do not come into the building unless absolutely necessary**. We will make the 'Class clip- boards' available at the school gate for any messages. You are still welcome to come onto the playground if you wish.
- Keep us informed of any changes to you family circumstances
- Know that **Smiley face Assembly will not be open to visitors** on Friday. We will have an assembly 'in house'. Sorry, but I think it is for the best!

There is no swimming tomorrow for Y3, Y4 or Y5.

However, all these children will need their PE kits instead.

Woodpecker Class, Fox Class and Robin Class will all be doing PE tomorrow.

Today in anticipation of a change in government policy, we sent home an exercise book for all children to use, should it be necessary, to use the school web-site to access work. Please see below for details.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have prepared the school website for those already self-isolating. On the home page, there is now a tab, **WORK for HOME. This area will continue to develop over time.**



The drop down menu contains learning activities to complete at home. The following can be accessed via this tab:

Termly Topic – (Look out for new ones after 27.03.20!)

Mathletics (Y1 – Y6 pupils have their own passwords in their Reading records)

Letterjoin (Handwriting and phonics)

Reading Challenge

EYFS Challenges (These will be added to on a regular basis)

KS1 Challenges (These will be added to on a regular basis).

KS2 Challenges (These will be added to on a regular basis)

Websites (Ideas!)

- Should you need to be off school keep any work completed and bring it to school with you when on return.
- Please use the school website, as it is a vital way of communicating with you all.
- As always, ensure any up-to-date medical information you think we should know.

Finally thank you and well done to all our families. You have continued to ensure your children come to school in what are unsettling times. Routine is so important to all of us, but especially to young people.

We / I continue to be here for you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Kindest regards

Kay Bridson