



LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are all remaining well. There is much speculation in the media about the reopening of schools. As of now, we do not have any details with regard to a date or how it is likely to take place, although there is much talk of a phased return. In school, we are giving consideration to how we can best support our children academically as well as socially and emotionally, when they do come back to us, whilst still adhering to government guidance on social distancing measures. It is a difficult period for everyone and we are very proud of how our children are managing to complete some work, engage in physical activity and maintain contact with family members and friends through whatever means of technology you have. Thank you for sending in your messages and photographs - we enjoy receiving updates from you by email to the School Office. Mrs Clarke is very happy to forward them to relevant staff.

We have a rota in place for staff so that those few children who are attending school can be adequately supervised. The teachers are also very busy planning the curriculum and preparing for when school reopens, as well as completing lots of other tasks. All staff are completing online training sessions, too. Wherever possible, staff are working from home but, on some occasions, they are working in isolation in school. Our support staff are busy filling their time by preparing resources and the classrooms - they have also taken work home to complete.

I have asked all teachers to telephone parents/carers and pupils to find out how you all are. Mrs Wilson, our SENDCo, is also maintaining contact with parents/carers who have children with special educational needs. We very much enjoy hearing the children's voices and finding out about the activities they are completing with you at home. Please bear with us - it is taking a while, with just one busy telephone line, to make contact with everyone. In the meantime, if you would like a call sooner rather than later, please email the School Office.

We really do appreciate your continued support with your children's education and wellbeing while they are not in school. Please try to keep your children reading, practising their spellings, learning their multiplication tables and completing Maths work and writing - whatever is relevant to the age of your child and is contained within the Home Learning pack. Staff recognise the difficulties that you may be facing in trying to manage your own work commitments at the same time as trying to teach your children and support them emotionally.



I shall keep you informed of any updates as soon as I have any further information to share. Likewise, more information about Home Learning will be circulated in due course.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any have any questions or concerns. I am very happy to speak with you about any aspect of your child's learning or mental wellbeing.

With my very best wishes

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