



Dear Parents and Carers

After sending my newsletter on our first day back in January, never did I think we would be closing our doors once again to the majority of you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, patience and messages – we have all had to adapt to the changes!

Christian Value

This term, the value that we are focussing on is Justice. This is the upholding of what is fair, just and right.

This Month's Right



Each month, we consider a different article and ensure the rights are being taught. This month we are focussing on Article 17: You have the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, including books, newspapers and magazines, television, radio and internet. Information should be beneficial and understandable to you.

Remote Learning

I have been really impressed by how well everyone has supported us so far this term in ensuring we only have the children in school that need to be here because their parent/carer is a critical worker or they are in an invited group. I also appreciate your patience and understanding, as we try to get systems in place around the new guidance for schools during this lockdown and also around remote learning.

The staff have worked incredibly hard to support all our pupils since the start of term and I feel engagement with online learning through Google Classroom and Tapestry is going from strength to strength. As always, we are here for you if you need any advice, guidance or support.



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Staff Contact/Emails

It is easy for work to become all-consuming when you are working at home which I know may also be the case for many of you and it is really important to me that my team stay healthy and have time for their families during these challenging times.

I would be grateful, therefore, if you do have a particular issue with something, that you send any messages on weekdays between 8.00am and 4.00pm. If you message outside of these hours, please do not expect a response that day.

Alternatively, you can phone the school office and they will get a message to a member of staff.

Lateral Flow Testing

Last week, the government provided all primary staff with rapid flow home test kits. This will help the fight against the spread of Covid 19 and help to identify those who may be positive and are still infectious, yet asymptomatic. If this impacts your child's bubble when they are in school, we will inform you as soon as we know.

Mental Health

This first week of February is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme this year is 'express yourself'. Talking about mental health and expressing our feelings can be difficult, no matter how old we are, but by talking openly about mental health from a young age, children can learn to better understand their emotions, break down stigma and feel safe enough to reach out for help when it is needed. Each week, at school and on Google Classroom, we will offer wellbeing ideas and activities that encourage children to acknowledge and express their feelings and look after their minds as well as their bodies.



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Congratulations!

I am delighted to inform you that Mr Arrowsmith and his wife have welcomed a baby boy - Evan Leonard. I am sure you will join me in wishing the Arrowsmith Family huge congratulations on the safe arrival of their first child.

Although we are not seeing you daily in person, please remember that I and my staff are still here for you. We are at the end of a phone so please do not struggle in silence – just ring and ask.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards
Mrs Kate Arnold
Head of School



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