

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Coronavirus Update – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

I am keen to keep parents in the picture as much as possible during these challenging times. It is my intention to write to you all each week. The letter will be published each Thursday and will go on both our Facebook page and the school website. It can be difficult keeping up with Facebook comments so rather than commenting, if you would like to comment, ask a question or give feedback, please contact us either through Facebook messenger or on either of the email addresses given at the bottom of this letter. We have also now included an emergency phone number in case you need to contact us about something more urgent.

Thank you to all our families for taking such good care of the community in this difficult time. The direction from our Prime Minister is clear – stay at home. Most of our families have been able to organise childcare between them which is fantastic. It means we can really help prevent the spread of Coronavirus and exercise social distancing. This is exactly what we need to do to make a difference. Thank you for taking your social responsibility seriously.

Our local support hub is at Hanson Academy. If you are a key worker and you find you have no other options for childcare, please contact us and we will support you in accessing the services that Hanson are offering in support of the Local Authority response to the Coronavirus crisis.

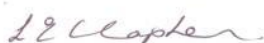
Remember it's just the building itself that is closed; we are still here and we will do everything we can to support and help. Many members of our community in the coming weeks may experience a change in circumstances that will affect their income through the loss of jobs or through a reduction in working hours. Although you might be coping at the moment, as the situation continues things may become difficult. We would ask that if you find yourself in difficulty, please contact us. We will do our best to support any family that needs us. In addition, from next week, a member of staff we give you a quick weekly phone call to help us all keep in touch.

We have been made aware of an email currently doing the rounds. The email asks you to share your bank details and we will help you pay for school dinners. This is a scam. We would never at any point ask for your bank details and you should never share them with us or anyone else. If you have responded to this email and have shared your bank details, please tell us. We are currently working on how we are going to get food to those who are eligible for free schools meals, when they are self-isolating. We are working as quickly as we can to get a system in place to ensure you have enough food each day. In the meantime, if you find yourself without food or worried, you really must get in touch.

Staff have continued to work on the Home Learning area of our school website. This has now been updated with activities and more things that your children and do. We will continue to refresh this area on weekly basis.

Finally, look after each other. We need to continue following the guidance put in place by the government to prevent the spread of this virus.

Yours sincerely



Miss L Clapham  
**Head of School**

You might not be able to see us but we promise we are there. We're here to help as much as we can because we really care. If there is something we can help with, we'll do our very best. Contact us on the address below and we will do the rest!