



1st April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well during this period of isolation and social distancing. It is a very challenging time for everyone, not least you as parents/carers. I understand that many of you may be working from home and trying to keep the children engaged and entertained at the same time!

Those of you who have walked past school over the past week will have seen us operating our childcare provision with a few children on site. If you are a key worker, working from home, thank you for keeping your children at home. We are doing everything we can to keep children and staff safe and to minimise the risk of infection.

Before we closed, teachers worked very quickly to build a bank of resources for you to work through with your children, at home, during the 2 weeks before Easter. At that point, we thought we might return after the Easter break but it now seems probable that we are some weeks away from reopening.

Ms Trehella, who manages our Computing curriculum, has been working with teachers on an app called Seesaw which will be shared with you this week. It provides more interactive learning opportunities, without the need for worksheets, and allows teachers to give feedback on what children have done. You will have a chance to try it out but we will not be setting work for the holiday period.

I understand that for some of you, internet access can be challenging. I do not expect children to spend hours on the internet each day and I can reassure you that the Seesaw app can be accessed using a smartphone or tablet as well as on a laptop or desktop computer. We will continue to provide work on the website as well and if you would like support with printing, we can facilitate that if necessary.

It has been a strange time coming into school and not seeing all the children and parents/carers at the gate. Many colleagues are not seeing each other from one week to the next as we are operating a very limited staffing rota, with most staff working at home most days. As with most things in this crisis, we have adjusted, but we miss you and the children very much and can't wait to get back to normal!

Please keep safe and please do contact me or Nicola Condron if you have any questions/concerns.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Wilson".

Sarah Wilson

Head Teacher



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