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Dear Parents/Carers,

DKH continues to remain open for a very small number of pupils. I am very grateful to all the staff who have been in this week and all those who are working from home to ensure the best provision for our children. We will remain open next week for vulnerable children and those children whose parents are key workers.

Message from our Secretary of State: You should only send your child to school if you have to, because your work is critical to our COVID-19 response. If you are able to keep your child at home, you should. Stay Home...Save Lives!

To clarify, the latest directive from the Government is that for the next 3 weeks at least, people will be allowed to leave home only for the following reasons:

- shopping for necessities, as infrequently as possible
- one form of exercise a day, such as running or cycling, alone or with household members
- medical or care needs, for example to help a vulnerable person
- travelling to and from work, but only if you cannot work from home

Meeting friends, shopping for anything beyond essentials, and gathering in crowds, particularly of any more than two people, are now banned. These directives are severe and we will be doing everything to support this new approach here at DKH.

Government advice continues to strongly advocate children staying at home if it is possible and safe to do so. For those attending please note our advice is that those with either a new, continuous cough or high temperature should self-isolate for 14 days. If your child is showing either of these symptoms, please keep them at home and call or email the school with the reason for absence. We continue to encourage the practice of good hygiene at school and insist on parents practicing social distancing with staff and other parents when picking up and dropping children off at school.

Our school staff are checking in with some of our families to support them during this difficult time and I urge you to please contact the school office if you need any support or require the services of a foodbank, we will help you as much as possible. Currently we are offering a hot meal at school for our children who are eligible for free school meals but hopefully a voucher system will eventually be in operation (the Local Authority are looking into setting this up).





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As you know, we have been supporting you and your children in the best way possible by providing learning activities the children can complete at home. The website already has many links and the work for this week has been published under 'week 1'. From next week, the teachers from each year group will be creating a timetable of age appropriate activities to support children with their learning away from school and will continue to do this after the Easter holidays for as long as possible. These will be posted regularly on the 'home learning' section on our website. The first timetable will be available on Monday and can be found by following this link and clicking on your child's year group and the 'week 2'
<http://dkh.org.uk/home-learning-resources/>.

We recognise these are very challenging times for us all and particularly for families who are trying to juggle working life around school closures. We are therefore not making these activities compulsory but are suggesting activities your children could do at home. You will notice the tasks are allocated to specific days and again we are not asking that you are rigid with this structure. You may find this works very well for your family to help you to organise your child's day or you may want to select a few activities to complete each week. It is not our intention to put families under any additional stress in a time that is already extremely challenging enough, so please only do what you can. We are here to support you as much as we can and for some families these activities may do that. There are some suggested schedules at the top of the page you might want to adopt or adapt to suit your family.

We urge all families to **read as regularly as possible**. If you are finding it difficult to get books, there is <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/> as well as Amazon's Audible books: <https://stories.audible.com/discovery>.

Updates and further information

For updates and further information please check the Public Health England (PHE) website:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline - this helpline has been set up to answer questions about the virus related to education.

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)





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I would like to say a huge thank you to every member of our DKH Community. I appreciate how supportive you have all been, it is truly heart-warming to see how everyone has united to strengthen and help one another. Parents have set up Whatsapp groups to offer support and keep in touch with each other, many parents have made donations and have been in touch to ask how they can help even further. Thank you to the key workers for helping to keep this country running and the children who have taken to their home learning in such a positive manner already.

As we now enter another unknown stage in all our lives, I will urge that everyone follow all advice given by our Government in relation to COVID-19, to keep themselves and their families safe. Thank you for your understanding and patience as my team and I have developed our response to the government's announcement of school closures in ever-changing circumstances. I appreciate that the next few weeks and potentially months will be unfamiliar and challenging and we will adapt, as you and your children do, to the demands of distance learning.

Please stay well and safe during these times and continue to look out for one another.

Yours sincerely

Ms L. Hillier
Head of School

