



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL



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Dear Parents

I hope that you are all well. I am sure you will have all developed a new routine as you stay at home looking after your children, completing their home learning tasks and for many of you also doing your own work from home. As we move forward over the next few weeks staff will continue to send out learning tasks and suggested activities as well as links to BBC Bitesize and Oak National Academy. There are many fantastic resources available, so it is equally valuable to substitute suggestions from school with any other on-line resources or other activities that spark your child's interest. We are also aware that children and their families will have 'up and down' days - home learning can always be postponed and picked up later in the day or week. All activities are suggestions and not compulsory.

This coming week we anticipate an announcement from the government of how the country may be able to gradually ease lockdown restrictions. The Education Minister has already indicated that when the time comes for schools to re-open this may be a phased approach and once further details are released, we will be able to plan for this. Although there has been no date yet (despite speculation in the media), we expect social distancing measures to still be in place and there will likely be new guidelines for us to follow. Following any government announcement and once further information is given to schools, we will be able to plan and organise procedures and practices to ensure the safety of our children and staff. We will then be in a position to contact you with further details.

We are very much looking forward to being able to return to school, when the government announce it is safe to do so, we have really missed seeing the children in school - although we appreciate there will be a new normal for us all to navigate our way through. When the time comes our children will need support to make the transition back to school and get used to new routines, seeing their friends, and adjusting back to school learning. Our excellent staff team at Southridge will have the emotional wellbeing of the children as their first priority, followed by learning.

Please take care and continue to stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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