



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL



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Dear Parents

I am writing to update you following our school closure on 20th March. I hope you are all safe and well at home and have settled in to a new and very different routine. I am sure that you will have all had many changes to cope with at work and in your family life - changes which would have been unthinkable a few months ago. I send my very best wishes to you all.

School life as we know it ended quickly and many of our children were confused as they left school over a week ago. I am very proud of the way our children behaved in their final week at school this term and our staff team who looked after them and have since adapted quickly delivering home learning for the children. The staff are working in year group teams to enable contact to be maintained even if one class teacher becomes poorly. I also know that as time moves on you will be understanding if the level of contact decreases for a short while in the event of staff illness or as staff inevitably deal with changing circumstances within their own families.

For now, if you look at the 'Home Learning' page on our school website you will see the videos and resources that staff have prepared on each year group page. I know how much the children will enjoy seeing their teachers reading stories, leaving messages etc. The staff will also send out learning suggestions/resources etc a few times a week and will always remain positive and upbeat for our very special children. Please don't be overwhelmed by any tasks listed - they are only suggestions and certainly not compulsory - your health and wellbeing are far more important at this time. We know how much strain many of our families are under. You will be doing other lovely activities with your children which are just as valuable - enjoying time together as a family is very precious and the most important task of all.

The staff will 'sign off' this Friday 3rd April from home learning for the Easter break and will then message you all again on Monday 20th April. However, if you have any worries or concerns over the next few weeks please email office@southridgefirst.org.uk.

At school we are supporting a small number of NHS families with emergency childcare, and that remains our priority as we move forward in these challenging times.

Finally, thank you for all the kind and heartfelt messages and emails from so many of you - they are much appreciated. I am thinking of you all in the days ahead.

Best wishes

S. E. Hall.

Mrs Hall