

2nd April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We come to the end of Week 2 in isolation (yes, only 2 weeks!!) and social distancing and although it is helping massively to help the NHS, the government is telling us the next 2 to 3 weeks are going to be peak times. The tragic number of people losing their lives to COVID-19 and the fact it now seems to be indiscriminate of age is a sobering thought. I would normally be writing to tell you that we break up tomorrow, 3rd April for our two-week Easter break. We would be sharing pictures of the Easter production, the Easter egg hunts, decorated Easter eggs and lots of chocolate!! This unfortunately is not the case, but in my head, I'm planning the party for when we do return! I hope you enjoyed the newsletter last week showcasing the lovely activities you have been doing at home. It really was a joy to see.



A massive thank you to the WFS Deliveroo service or sandwich squad as they have been nicknamed!! They volunteered to travel the length and breadth of Worcestershire delivering packed lunches, then on Tuesday hampers. Hopefully the vouchers will start trickling through and get sorted.

The class teachers are doing a great job keeping in touch on a daily basis, but over the next two weeks this will reduce to just once a week while they recharge their

batteries and care for their own families. The Senior Leaders will also be knocking doors just to keep in touch. PLEASE if you have any worries or concerns talk to us, let us know and together we can try and find solutions. I know several of the children love the YouTube channel – can you believe all that has gone on in less than 2 weeks! WFS staff are quite incredible.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5qshpb6v7Z0O1TSs6lhmbQ/videos>

Speech & Language are working with teachers and maybe contacting families directly about support, as are OT and physio. Natalie has put some physio videos onto the YouTube channel and you should have your child's physio plan at home (if applicable). If you haven't just ask your class teacher.

I am also sending a letter out today from the safeguarding team at Worcestershire about online safety at home. At school we have lots of fire walls etc to protect the children.

We have also sent you information from the Fire Brigade to keep your families safe whilst in isolation.

There is also a very good link on the Worcestershire website 'Here2Help' – offering lots of practical advice, support, and contacts.

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help>

We have been informed that Annual Reviews must still go ahead. We obviously won't be able to do them face to face and we're currently working on the logistics of this. I will let you know as soon as I know more. I also know that several of you are concerned about transition for your child that will leave us in July. Mrs Thompson is busy working on this but again we are living in a very uncertain times and can only plan so much. We will endeavour to give our leavers the best possible transition in these circumstances.

Thank you so much for the understanding, support and kind words you have given, to not only me but the staff team and WFS family. PLEASE if there is anything we can do to help, please let us know – office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk or through the class teacher.

Thinking of you all, stay safe,

Bec Garratt

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