

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you, your child and family are all keeping well and safe. These are challenging times and we do not underestimate how the current situation is impacting on your daily lives.

As you will be aware from our correspondence of 27<sup>th</sup> March the school is closed for the Easter Holiday from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to enable a deep clean and attend to essential building works.

I am writing to update you about the school's current plans for after the Easter holiday. As advice stands at the moment, we expect that the situation for our school and all National Autistic Society schools will remain the same as now immediately after Easter.

As for all arrangements at the moment, it is difficult to be absolutely certain about our plans after Easter as it is possible government guidance may change. The school and National Autistic Society schools leadership team will be meeting regularly during the Easter holiday to ensure we are ready, if necessary, to respond to any changes to government advice.

Unless government advice changes, after Easter as now, our school will remain partially open for the most vulnerable pupils. We will continue to support most children's learning at home in line with guidance from the government, described in my letter to you of 23<sup>rd</sup> March:

- "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.
- "Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

If you **can't** keep your child at home, we as a school will work with you and the local authority to risk assess the situation and put in place ways they can be safely in school.

If your child or anyone in your household has any symptoms then you must follow [government advice](#) to self-isolate

Please find attached a letter from our leaders Thea from Havelock and Richard from Woodlands explaining how we are working together with you to ensure that learning from home continues with teachers being the main contact.

Safeguarding and welfare issues will always be central to all that we do and to this end Lucy our lead DSL ensures vigorous feedback and communication with our

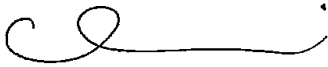
teams and will ensure robust links with our local LADO and Social Service. Thank you for all your contributions and transparency in keeping your children safe.

Thank you also for supporting the school and the national effort to contain this virus. I will continue to send updates as further information becomes available.

Best wishes to you and your family during this time, stay safe.

Please take care

Yours faithfully



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