

20th April 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Today should have been the first day back at school after the Easter holidays. Therefore, I would firstly like to thank you all for following the guidance set out by the government by staying at home and only going out to exercise, shop or for essential work.

There has been much speculation in the press regarding when schools will be returning to normal but yesterday, in the government's daily briefing, the Secretary of State for Education was very clear that no date has yet been set. We therefore cannot predict when our schools will reopen for all pupils.

In the meantime, each of our schools have developed more educational opportunities through learning packs and activities that can be done at home and these will be shared with you in the coming week. I would also like to draw your attention to the BBC Bitesize website which is offering a large schedule of home learning <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>. You can also access the full programme schedule on the red button of your tv. All of this information will be on our websites. I do appreciate that this is a very difficult time but know that by working together, we will achieve for all.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish those of you that will be celebrating on Thursday a happy St. Georges Day and also to acknowledge this very special time for those that will be observing Ramadam in the coming weeks.

As always, please do contact us if you need any information or alternatively use the trust's non-medical/non educational support helpline on **07944 224 266**, Monday to Friday 10am-3pm where school staff are on hand to signpost parents to external services and offer help where possible.

Best wishes,

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