

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020

Dear Parent

Good afternoon. I hope you all continue to stay safe and well.

I know how busy you are so I will try to keep my letters and communications shorter and more succinct. There are some separate letters also in relation to Zoom video calling, Microsoft Teams (letter sent via Parentmail) and the survey responses document. I appreciate this is a lot of communication and will try to minimise this as we continue.

### **Please Don't Worry**

We know and appreciate that at this time all families have many different worries and concerns. We would like to reassure you that the ideas, suggestions and work sent do not represent what must or should be done. If children do more or less or something very different this is fine. No children are learning as they usually would. Love, care and reassurance is what children need most at this time.

### **Parent Survey**

Huge thanks to everyone who took the time to complete this. We received 107 responses from across the Federation, which represents over two thirds of families. In the spirit of openness and for all those interested, I have attached the analysis of the questions and the comments.

We have listened to you and are acting on it.

- From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May we will begin to make use of Zoom video calling (see additional letter re this).
- We will try to provide more choice of activities both structured and open ended.
- We will try to provide more content that can be viewed anytime for children to listen to or watch to explain concepts and ideas and help them stay focused on their work.
- We continue to give our reassurance as outlined at the start of this letter.
- We are setting up Microsoft Teams as a platform for posting the learning rather than emailing. As we need consent (see letter on 'Parentmail') and some input from our ICT support this will take a little time. We will keep you updated.

### **Book Swap**

The book swap sessions on Wednesday worked well. We will look to repeat this again before half term. If needed children can attend with the parent.

### **Bank Holiday**

Next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of May is the first of the May Bank Holidays. The staff will send some optional ideas and suggestions for this day however; we fully recognise it is a Bank Holiday and everything sent is optional.

Very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul Griffiths – Headteacher