

Friday 20th March 2020

Dear pupils,

I hope that you are all well! I have really missed being in school over the last few days. I know some of you will have missed being in school with your friends too.

In this letter, I have written sentences that I never thought I would have to write. It seems very strange to have to write to tell you to stay away from school for the moment. I would like to say a big thank you to your parents and families who are working to keep you away from school at this very uncertain time. They need to do this so that fewer people come close to other people because of a virus that is going around the whole world at the moment. This is something really rare and nothing has happened like this before! That might make it sound exciting, but it is also something so serious that it has meant schools need to be closed. It also means that you need to be careful out and about.

Your teachers have been working really hard to carry on teaching this week and prepare materials for you to be able to learn from home. We have put a lot of effort into this and I would like you to do so too, enjoying the variety of challenges on offer so that you can *achieve your potential*.

These will be put up each day by 9:00am on your class page. A summary of what this will look like is on our [Home Learning Page](#). Staff have also been working hard to look at how we can support you beyond the academic subjects. In addition, we have put some other foci like: Take 5 Wellbeing; Forest School and internationalism on our [Family Learning Menu](#).

As you know, *we live and work in harmony with love for one another*. So, we have looked at how we can keep the idea of being together. We have enabled the communication tools on Purple Mash for you to stay in touch with friends. You can always stay in touch with school. You will need to send your teacher one piece of work each day to a special new class email address that your parents have and they will email you back about your work. Your families can also ring or telephone the office and email me.

Over the past few days, our school has had significant challenges. You probably wouldn't have noticed much difference, but that is because our staff and families have worked so well together *as a community*. Now it is also time to help your parents to carry on being *life-long learners*! Good luck and enjoy sharing your learning together!

I am really looking forward to seeing you again soon.

Mr. Grey

