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Monday 20th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to our very first remote summer term!

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

This summer term, the school will remain open to some children as we continue to still provide emergency care for some vulnerable pupils and children of critical care workers.

Keeping Connected

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn at home or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by either emailing your child's class teacher, emailing the school on arundeli@arundelcourt.com or calling the office and we will try and connect you to the right person to speak to. Teachers and the Pastoral team will continue to make regular phone calls to keep the lines of communication open between you and your children.

Just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! Keep an eye on the website as we've now launched an Arundel Court YouTube Channel. We're trying really hard to keep the school team connected to you as best we can. We're aiming to do something as a staff every week and I'm going to attempt to do weekly assemblies and share thoughts for the week. This week's assembly follows on from the 'Friends' theme inspired staff video which we released last Friday. To catch a glimpse click on this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaAo4NPNdK4&t=111s> to put a smile on your face!

We have also loved seeing the children's fantastic learning at home – please keep sending their work in by post, taking a picture or video and sending via email as we would like to showcase it on our website or on Facebook in due course. I know 4AW have been trialling a new 'seesaw app' last term and as it was so successful we would like to roll it out from Year 1 to Year 6. Information on seesaw will be coming out this week but in the meantime here's the link <https://web.seesaw.me/>

Year R and nursery please continue to use 'Tapestry' as this is such a great way of capturing the children's learning online.

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Home Learning

We're continuing to carry on with a range of online tasks and activities, set by the class teachers.

All online learning for the week will be put on the school website every Monday morning. All you need to do, as before, is to go to the school website, look for the 'parents zone' tab and click on the 'home learning tab' and just look for your child's year group <https://www.arundelcourt.com/page/?title=HOME+LEARNING&pid=222>

There is no expectation or pressure for you to do everything on there but just try and do what you can with your children. If you are finding it difficult to access the online tasks, then please do let us know and we will try and provide some paper copies. But the best thing you can do during the Lockdown time is carry on talking, playing, baking, making and reading together.

You might already be aware that the BBC are putting on some great learning and revision activities across all year groups and these can be accessed on a device or TV, through BBC iPlayer. Here's the link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Food Vouchers

If your child is entitled to 'benefit-related' free school meals (FSM) then the week commencing Monday 20th April you will receive, through email or a letter by post an e-code for you to access the food vouchers scheme and the step by step instructions to activate it. This information will also bring up a list of the supermarkets you can redeem the e-codes at. In the meantime, if your circumstances change and you feel your child is now entitled to a FSM then you will need to apply on line <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/schools-learning-and-childcare/schools/school-meals> or contact the Portsmouth City Council for support.

Finally, I can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully and as soon as I do have any further information from the government you will be the first ones to know. But be rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your children learning and our school community connected.

Until then, please keep safe and look after each other

Warmest of wishes

Ms Karen Stocks

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