



Boughton-under-Blean & Dunkirk Methodist Primary School



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Dear Parents

You will of course be fully aware of the news about lockdown on Thursday and no doubt bracing yourself for another difficult month. Obviously this affects us all in different ways but if your jobs and livelihoods, or those of your family, are directly impacted upon, our thoughts are with you.

At the time of writing there is nothing to report in terms of the school. The procedures we had in place before half term worked well and we will be continuing with these. Of course we continue to refine small areas as they arise but generally speaking they will stay the same. There has not been any further guidance or advice for schools and as such I expect all children to be in as normal. I would remind you to be very much aware of social distancing when waiting outside the school at the beginning or end of the day. It is all our responsibility to try and keep all our bubbles open.

Our systems for remote learning are ready and I can only assume that you have all tried to access the tasks that were set a couple of weeks ago on Google Classroom. If you had problems doing so you should contact us as this will be how any remote learning will be conducted if part or all of the school is forced to close at some point.

As I have always done I continue to take my responsibility on keeping everyone safe very seriously. With this in mind I have decided not to hold parent consultations this term as normal. The thought of so many parents coming in to the school does not sit comfortably with me regardless of any protective procedures we can put in place. Instead we will be sending a short report home towards the end of the month which will include a copy of a piece of your child's work that you can discuss with them. I think this is a common sense approach but the teachers share your disappointment at not being able to discuss your child with you. Further to this my priority remains the teaching and learning in the classroom and I believe this is the most efficient way of conveying how your child has started the school year. Of course the teachers will continue to be at the school gate each morning and afternoon.



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I know these are worrying times for you all and as parents our priority is always our children's safety. There may be one or two of you that would prefer not to send your children in to school because of the current infection rates. At this stage if you do not send your children in for this reason they will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Please also note that we will not be sending out work to be completed at home other than for those that are medically isolating in accordance with the government guidelines or medical advice. The teachers will be focused on planning and preparing for the high quality education that takes place in class and this will remain the case while the school stays open.

I hope you understand the decision making process behind all of the above. Thank you for your support and I wish you all well.

Yours sincerely

Mr S J Way
Headteacher