Monday 20th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Hoping you and your families are all well and safe and that you managed to enjoy the sunshine over the last few weeks.

Although schools remain closed to the majority of pupils until further notice, it is important to know that all the staff are here to support you and your children through this unsettling time. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if we can help in any way.

**Home Learning and Further Learning Opportunities**

As schools remain closed to the majority of pupils until further notice, we will be continuing with our home learning programmes for pupils to follow at home. Teachers will have updated the Year Group Page on the school website with the Term 5 home learning grid and will add a Home Learning pack each week. Individual daily tasks and challenges will continue to be added to Class Dojo.

Look out for some fantastic new resources that have been launched today such as BBC Bitesize Daily lessons (https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesze/dailylessons). From today, parents can also access new lessons every day for every year group from Reception to Year 10, through a new online platform, Oak National Academy. The enterprise which has been set up by teachers and is funded by the Department of Education will provide video lessons for students, with each lesson coming with a corresponding quiz and worksheet. (https://www.thenational.academy/) Links have been added to the school website via the Year Group Pages. These are just another way of engaging your child with learning that you might like to use as alternatives to the ones we have already posted - please don’t feel your child has to do everything. It just won’t be manageable for your child to do all of these things and the mental wellbeing of you all must be a priority.

Please contact your class teacher or the school if you need paper copies of any home learning and we will get those to you as soon as we can.

**Support for Vulnerable children and children of Key Workers**

Thank you to all the school staff who supervised a number of children of key workers and vulnerable children over the Easter break. We will continue to offer provision to children of key workers and vulnerable children at Bridge Learning Campus over the coming weeks. Please contact the school office if you need to update us on any revised dates for attendance.

**FSM Vouchers**

If you are currently in receipt of Free School Meals, a new voucher scheme has been set up from this week. You should get email notification from Edenred. A Frequently Asked Question sheet can be found on the school website but please contact Fiona Price on office@parsonstreet.com if you have any difficulties obtaining the vouchers.
Support and Guidance from The Department of Education

The government have updated their guidance for parents and carers about the closure of schools. [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers) This includes new links on how to make sure your child stays safe online and support for family well-being at this time. This guidance will also be on the school website under Latest News Documents.

National Assessments

The Secretary of State for Education has announced that there will be no exams or assessments in school this term. The year 1 phonics screening check, Year 2 and Year 6 SATs as well as the Year 4 multiplication check are cancelled this year.

Message from Dr Dan Magnus, Bristol Royal Hospital for Children

We have received this important advice for parents from local health and care leaders.

Everyone is doing their bit to help beat Coronavirus. Do your bit by going to the right place for medical care. It is important for parents and families to understand that our local emergency departments are still open for anyone who needs it.

If you think your child has a very serious or life-threatening condition you must go to A&E or call 999.

If your child has a minor injury, please go to your nearest Minor Injuries Units at:

• South Bristol Community Hospital, Hengrove
• North Somerset Community Hospital, Clevedon
• West Gate Centre, Yate

If your child has a minor illness, please contact your GP practice. For 24/7 advice please go to 111.nhs.uk

Do your bit for the NHS.

I hope you and your families stay safe and well – thank you for all you are doing during this difficult period.

Yours sincerely

Louise Hopcroft

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