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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace
1 Peter 4:10*

Work together, learn together, grow together...

Friday 3rd April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: School Closure Updates and News

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. If you are one of our critical workers, may I say, on behalf of us all, what a fantastic job you are doing in supporting the community and keeping our country going. If you are working from home and looking after your children, I also extend my heartfelt admiration for what you are doing and I hope that you are managing to find a space in your day (and your home!) just for you.

Guidance for Parents from Norfolk County Council:

Norfolk County Council have produced a sheet of information covering the following topics:

- Help for families who need support during the Coronavirus crisis
- Volunteering
- Financial help
- Help for businesses

Please see the attached sheet for full details. You can also visit the your local council website for updates or www.norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus

Easter Holiday Childcare:

Wymondham's local schools are working together to provide emergency childcare over the Easter holidays for the children of approved critical workers who are involved in the front-line response to the Covid-19 crisis. Places have been arranged for eligible children at Robert Kett Primary School's Extra Time club. If, during the holiday, you need to contact the childcare service (ie. Shift changes for emergency workers or redeployment that means you now need urgent access) please call Robert Kett School office on 01953 603405 and email me at head@tacolneston.norfolk.sch.uk

September:

Some YR parents have approached us to ask which class their child will be placed in from September. We won't be able to answer this question at the current time. We have always operated a flexible system across the two classes in our early years and KS1 provision: the children are combined in small groups for phonics and maths teaching, and many activities are done as a whole phase, eg. outdoor learning; art and DT. For many years, we had a YR/1 class and a small Y2 class. When we built our new classroom, we created a YR class and a Y1/2 class. Having operated the two different models, we have found that there is very little to be gained in either system. Ultimately, what works best is providing children with the teaching that they need for their stage of learning. It is important to bear in mind that all of our children will have missed at

least a term of schooling when we return to normal. Some parents will have been able to continue to provide home schooling during the school closure period; other parents will not have been able to do this. Therefore, we will be assessing our children's needs and adapting our provision to ensure that they all have the best opportunity to catch up with their learning when we return to school.

Class Email:

We have provided the class email addresses so that you can ask the class teacher questions about your child's home learning and forward any videos and photos. Please direct any other questions to our office email, as given at the top of this letter. Refer to our website for a full list of email contact addresses.

Home Learning:

Under normal circumstances, yesterday would have been the first day of the Easter holidays. Therefore, I hope that you feel able to leave the home learning materials alone for a couple of weeks. One of our parents has recommended the Scouts and Guides Association websites for some fun activities for your children over the holiday period:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors>

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/adventures-at-home/for-ages-4-7/>

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/adventures-at-home/for-ages-7-10/>

Safeguarding:

I have updated our Safeguarding Policy to cover our new working arrangements. Please refer to our Federation website to view the policy there: Safeguarding Policy – Covid 19 Update (Appendix 4).

During the school closure, your child may be spending more time online. Here are some organisations where you can find advice to help you to keep your child safe:

- [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [London Grid for Learning](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and careers from the NSPCC
- [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers

Wellbeing:

One of our parents has kindly made available some wellbeing first aid sheets for children and adults. Please find these attached.

Home Learning Gallery:

We have added a Home Learning Gallery to our website and started to add photos (where parents/carers have given us their permission). It has been extremely heart-warming to see what the children are getting up to. Thank you for sharing your photographs and videos with us.

Celebration Friday:

Here are some of the wonderful achievements that have been reported to me this week:

- Aran made a very impressive Vikings poster
- Rory practised his numbers
- Amelie is becoming an expert at using i movies.
- Fabio has been working hard on his maths
- Mrs Watts has rediscovered her cross-stitch skills and made some beautiful Easter cards!



One of our children has celebrated her birthday this week. I'd like to say a big

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to

BETTY!

And finally:

Our school prayer:

Heavenly Father,

Remind us to use our gifts, to serve one another, as good stewards of your varied grace.

Amen

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Laura Green'.

Laura Green
Executive Head Teacher