



21st April 2020

Dear parents/carers,

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

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the chance to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's understandable if you and your child feel anxious and frustrated at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. We are aware that some of you might be anxious, so we are posting on the school website a document with some hints and tips on supporting your child's wellbeing and a letter with some advice on how you can help them to keep safe online. You can find these by clicking on the Parents tab on the Home Page.

As well as this, your son/daughter's teacher will be ringing you regularly to check that all is ok. This will show as a withheld number on your phone, but please answer it, as we would love to know how you are doing. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let teachers know when they call, or you can ring school as normal between 9am and 3pm on 0191 4274330.

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. While we are all in lockdown we're carrying on sending work home for pupils. Just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term – so keep a close eye on Tapestry, Education City or Google Classroom.

Do remind your child to take breaks away from screens, and also make time for having fun and connecting with friends and family.

While we can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep pupils learning and the school connected.

Warm regards,

Nr Nord, Mrs Nichol, Ms Chamberlain