23rd March 2020

Dear families,

I would like to start by saying a huge thankyou to you all for your amazing support at the end of last week. Your cards, emails and kind words really did keep the staff going during the last few days of uncertainty. I felt overwhelmingly sad as I locked the gates on Friday night knowing that the school wouldn't be full of children for some time. However, I remain positive and optimistic that our playground will be full of your happy, smiling children some time soon.

Like you, I am managing a family at home, self educating my 4, 13 and 15 year olds (with varying degrees of enthusiasm from them!) whilst helping at Lakeside and working from home. Like you, I am finding this incredibly challenging, emotionally draining and overwhelming. I urge you to take one day at a time, be kind to yourselves and look after your loved ones. After this your children won't remember what they 'learnt' during this time, but they will remember how they 'felt'. We are all managing the same feelings so please support each other too. We can do this…together.

This week staff across Sandringham, Cross Farm and Lakeside have come together to provide childcare for children whose parents are frontline keyworkers and have no other alternatives for their children. The number of these children is reducing daily, as is the number of staff who are well enough to care for them. Thankfully the sun has been shining and has allowed the children to be outside all day on the playground. They have been having a great time and it has been lovely seeing them make new friends from other schools.

On Monday staff came into school to tidy and gather up what they need to be working from home for the time being. From today the school will be completely closed with the exception of premises monitoring visits from myself, Mr Cooper or Senior leadership team.

Home learning came home last week and is also copied on the school website. There will be updates for this in due course.

Mrs Cable and Mrs Green will continue to monitor the school emails from home. The phones are currently not being monitored so please use [info@sandringham.kite.](mailto:info@sandringham.kite)academy or [info2@sandringham.kite.academy](mailto:info2@sandringham.kite.academy) for any correspondences.

All communications, updates of home learning and letters will also come from these email addresses and be posted onto the school website.

Staff are all missing the children as much as the children are missing them. We have decided to invite the children to keep in touch with their teachers using their school emails addresses as follows;

Little Badgers- [caroline.wells@sandringham.kite.academy](mailto:caroline.wells@sandringham.kite.academy)

Moles - [emma.robinson@sandringham.kite.academy](mailto:emma.robinson@sandringham.kite.academy) or [caroline.warner@sandringham.kite.academy](mailto:caroline.warner@sandringham.kite.academy)

Hedgehogs- [sarah.randles@sandringham.kite.academy](mailto:sarah.randles@sandringham.kite.academy)

Otters- [alison.thomas@sandringham.kite.academy](mailto:alison.thomas@sandringham.kite.academy)

Squirrels- [laura.theobald@sandringham.kite.academy](mailto:laura.theobald@sandringham.kite.academy)

Rabbits- [emma.jones@sandringham.kite.academy](mailto:emaa.jones@sandringham.kite.academy) or [caroline.warner@sandringham.kite.academy](mailto:caroline.warner@sandringham.kite.academy)

Foxes - [gina.hylton@sandringham.kite.academy](mailto:gina.hylton@sandringham.kite.academy)

This is purely for sharing fun and maintaining the strong relationships between your children and their teachers. Writing notes, sending a joke or a picture of something the children have done at home. We want the children to remember that we are thinking of them as much as they are thinking of us.

As well as official updates I aim to keep in touch with you all as regularly as I am able. I am missing our school community so much already and like you can't wait until we can all be together again.

Kindest regards

Mrs Money

Headteacher