

# MESSAGE FROM MRS MONEY



Monday 30th March 2020

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all keeping well and making the best of this strange time. It is amazing how things that seemed important are no longer a priority as we all learn to adjust to the current way of life. If you are struggling with feelings of anxiety, fear and worry please believe that you are not alone. As a school community we pride ourselves on being a family and supporting each other is what we do best. Reach out to each other and take one day at a time. But more importantly reach out to those who haven't connected with you, aren't in your group chats or messages. It is important that we all remember each and every one of our families and children.

I have been asked when the school will be open again. Like you I can't wait to be back to the normality of Sandringham but I honestly do not know anymore than you do at the moment. With this in mind as a staff team we have started to think about the best way to plan your child's home learning which is manageable and appropriate for all of you. Whilst I would encourage children to be engaging in their home learning each day and recommend structure and routine, I also appreciate the need to be flexible as you manage this around your own working commitments. It is equally, if not more important that you stay strong as a family and at times may need to put this learning aside and just 'be'.

During the next week the class teachers are going to connect with you either by phone or via email. The purpose of this will be to establish how you and your children are coping, how you are finding the home learning and if there is anymore that we can do to support you. Also if you are one of the 1.5 million who have been told to practise shielding at home for the next 12 weeks please let us know as there may be ways that we can support you too. We also have a family support worker who is able to give online advice for any parents finding things difficult to manage.



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The teachers are all really missing the children and desperately want to make sure that they realise that they remain in our hearts and minds even if they aren't in our classrooms. I know that many of you have already been keeping in touch via email and Tapestry in Early Years... please carry on doing this as it is keeping us going too! Each week I am going to set the children a challenge from me. This will come today in a separate letter for them. If they would like to accept the challenge I would love to hear from them via my email address, perhaps with a photo attached. I plan to print all of these out and make a very special display for when the children return to school to celebrate the fun they have had when they were at home.

I am going to end with a personal update. In my house we have a poster on the fridge which says 'the positives of Coronavirus'. A strange concept I know, but with fragile teenagers I am trying hard to remain positive for them. Each day as a family we are adding something to the list if we can. Perhaps more appropriate if you have older children or for little ones it can be simply 'what is great about us all being at home right now'. So far our list includes...

"family walks and more time for cuddles on the sofa" (Fleur who is 4)

"reduction in global warming as the planes are grounded and there are less cars on the road" (Maisy 13)

"some really interesting food in the fridge...but where are the eggs?!" (Oscar 15)

You might like to try this in your house, if only to be able to hang onto the positives in a time of such uncertainty.

Stay safe everyone.

Kindest Regards

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