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Keeping in Touch During School Closure (COVID-19)

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Dear Families,

We hope that you are keeping safe and well. We are missing you very much. This has certainly not been the start of the summer term that any of us expected. However, I know through speaking to you, and hearing from the teachers who have spoken to you recently, that you are making the best you can out of the difficult situation. You have been asked to stay at home to help the NHS and, as difficult as this is, you really are helping.

The summer term is usually full of SATS and other assessments, our leavers play and well-done assemblies. Now it is very different, and we are all adjusting to how that looks.

In order to keep in touch with you, we will continue to phone home on a regular basis. The staff really enjoyed speaking to many of you over the last few weeks! This way we can individually check in with families and help in any way we can. If you need anything from us, please use the enquiry@georgedixonprimary.bham.sch.uk email to contact us, we check it daily and can arrange call-backs if required.

Your best source of information from us is our website. We have a team of teachers who are updating this regularly, and each year group page will be updated every two weeks with new learning for your child. There are however, a plethora of other learning activities available for you use as you see fit and we have included these on our home learning pages.



If your circumstances change over these next weeks and you believe your child may qualify for Free School Meals (we have been providing vouchers to our families as the school is closed) please check here: www.link2ict.org/fsm and email us. **Please note that this is different to Universal Infant Free School Meals, which are provided to all children in Reception to Y2 during term time.**

Many of you have asked when the school will open again. This is a decision that the Government and Department for Education will make, not us as a school. We will let you know if we hear anything, and I assure you, that we will work together to make sure your children are safe to come back to school when it does finally happen. Our priority will be the well-being of children and families, because we know this is so important for children to do their best learning.

The Education Endowment Foundation, who support research into learning, have shared this with me and I hope you will find it useful:

[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/videos/EEF Supporting daily routines during school closures.mp4](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/videos/EEF_Supporting_daily_routines_during_school_closures.mp4)

There are lots of good ideas to help you and your children manage your days, including getting your daily exercise and reading in, and it even includes helping out with jobs at home, which I hope you are getting the children involved with! Attached to this letter is a checklist you may want to share with your children.

There is more support on our School Closure Webpage as well, including tips for working at home and further support from Birmingham's Educational Psychologists and Special Educational Needs Department.

As I have already said, if you need us for anything, please contact us via email or our usual school phone number.

Until we can see you all again, please stay safe and well. Your children may not remember everything they have experienced or learned during this time, but they will remember how they felt, and I hope you are all feeling as safe as possible.

With kind regards,

Mrs Good
Head Teacher

