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Dear Parents,

What a week it has been! I hope you are all settling into your new routines in light of the lockdown that came earlier this week. We have really enjoyed you sharing what your children are doing at home, it is wonderful to see them being so creative and positive about the work they are doing.

Government Guidance: Rules on Staying at Home and Keeping Away from Others

The government guidance released earlier in the week shows clearly how we can all help in reducing the spread of coronavirus. I would like to draw your attention to the following:

The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives. When we reduce our day-to-day contact with other people, we will reduce the spread of the infection. That is why the government is now (23 March 2020) introducing three new measures.

- 1. Requiring people to stay at home, except for very limited purposes**
- 2. Closing non-essential shops and community spaces**
- 3. Stopping all gatherings of more than two people in public**

Every citizen must comply with these new measures. The relevant authorities, including the police, will be given the powers to enforce them –including through fines and dispersing gatherings. These measures are effective immediately. The Government will look again at these measures in three weeks, and relax them if the evidence shows this is possible.

You should only leave the house for one of four reasons.

- **Shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible.**
- **One form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle -alone or with members of your household.**
- **Any medical need, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person.**
- **Travelling to and from work, but only where this absolutely cannot be done from home.**

These four reasons are **exceptions** - even when doing these activities, you should be minimising time spent outside of the home and ensuring you are 2 metres apart from anyone outside of your household. These measures must be followed by everyone. Separate advice is available for individuals or households who are isolating, and for the most vulnerable who need to be shielded. If you work in a critical sector, or your child has been identified as vulnerable, you can continue to take your children to school.

Twyford CE School Community

Every morning in school we are taking part in Joe Wicks PE workouts (via his You Tube channel) at 9:00am. Many of our staff who are not in school are also joining in at home and it would be fantastic to know if you are joining in at home too. There is a sense of comfort in knowing that as a school community we are still doing something altogether, even though we are not in the same building.

Home Learning Packs

We have been busy this week creating a secure area on the school website where we can put the home learning packs for each year group. Thank you so much for your patience with us last week in sending the content via email, I know it was not ideal and hopefully access via the website will be easier.

The packs for next week are already uploaded and available now. You can access them via the 'Parents' tab and selecting 'Home Resources'. There is also a direct link to this via the ticker across the top of the page. You can also access it via this link:

<http://www.twyfordschool.org.uk/home-resources/> Please enter this password when prompted [REDACTED].

We will not be setting any home learning over the two weeks Easter holidays but please share with us some of the Easter crafts or activities you might be doing.

Twitter

If you haven't already followed us on Twitter, please do so. We are posting updates and links to websites which we think you might find useful. Our Twitter tag is @Twyford_school.

Online Safety

- This week we have received the following advice from Buckinghamshire County Council:

Free School Meals Scam

Some schools have already reported that parents and carers in receipt of free school meals are being targeted by fraudsters. Fraudsters are targeting families, emailing parents and cares with messages such as 'If your child is entitled to free school meals send your bank details to the school and they will help with funding whilst the school is closed'. The email contains fake links for parents to follow if they want to receive this funding.

- Anyone with concerns or information about coronavirus-related scams are being asked to email trading_standards@bucksandsurreytradingstandards.gov.uk
- It is also worth checking what your children are accessing on line during school closures, particularly any social media platforms. Please refer to the guide below if you are unsure about age restrictions on some of the most popular sites/apps:

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

Under 13

- Roblox
- PopJam
- FaceTime

13+

- Twitter
- Facebook and Messenger
- Viber
- WeChat
- Monkey
- Yubo
- Dubsmash
- Instagram
- TikTok
- Skype
- Google Hangouts
- Reddit
- Snapchat
- Pinterest

16+

- WhatsApp
- Telegram Messenger
- Tumblr

17+

- Line
- Sarahah
- Tellonym

Sourced from NSPCC website October 2019

I will be in touch with further updates next week. Take care and God bless.

Yours sincerely

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