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Fitzwaryn

'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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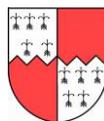
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Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope that you are all well despite these unusual times we are all living through at the moment. I hope that you have all been able to get out to enjoy the Easter sunshine, either at home or during your designated exercise time each day.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Leanne Winsor who joins our teaching team this term; Leanne was able to spend some time with us before 'lockdown' to get to know us and has been assigned to the Willow Class team. Tamara Strange returns from her maternity leave and along with Clare Jowett who also returned to work following her second baby, they both now join Ash class.

It has been lovely to see some of the posts on the 'Keeping the Fitzwaryn Community Strong' page - we have had such lovely feedback from you about this – so keep posting! Mr Slatter has also added some of the lovely photographs from the page to the website in the 'gallery' section so do have a look!

We are planning a virtual coffee morning at 10am on Friday 1st May – this is the date that our parent/carer coffee morning run by the Student Centre was due to take place – look out for the flyer that will be coming out very soon!

You will continue to receive a weekly call from your child's class teacher. Some of the teachers are making calls from their personal phones so don't be surprised to get a call with 'ID caller unknown' or a similar message. If you have missed a call and would like a call back, please ring into school and we will get someone to ring you back. The phone calls are intended to be supportive, to see how everyone is doing and to make sure you have everything you need in terms of home learning. Please let us know if there have been any changes in your child's health. Some of you will also be receiving a call from Natalie, Sarah our school nurses or Jackie, the health visitor who has been allocated to the school during this time.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, we have joined the government's scheme, which has proved to be quite a challenge for most schools! If you have any queries, please email the school office: office.7027@fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk and someone will be able to help you. If your circumstances have changed during the period of closure and you think your child would now qualify for FSMs, please let us know and we will be able to help.

Despite much speculation in the press, which in my mind is particularly unhelpful and potentially damaging, the school remains 'closed' to most pupils and staff. The government's advice has not changed:

'Many children and young people who have an EHCP can remain safely at home'



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However, Fitzwaryn is 'open' to a few children each day in agreement with individual parents and social care where applicable using the government's criteria for attendance.

There are many aspects of the school that remain operational including Site, IT, Admin and Finance.

Staff are attending essential meetings virtually where possible and there are no visitors allowed into school. All of this activity depends of course on the health and welfare of our staff.

We are striving to continue to complete your child's EHCP Annual Review, probably over the telephone – you will get an initial phone call from a member of the Senior Leadership Team to arrange a suitable time for this to take place.

A member of the Senior Leadership Team is available each day should you have a query or need to speak to someone about your child. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office and someone will be available take your call.

I do hope that we can return to 'normal' as soon as the government declare it is safe to do so. However, as you can imagine, this will be a complex process and will need careful planning. I will of course, keep you posted.

In the meantime, stay safe.

Best wishes

Stephanie Coneboy
Headteacher