



## Horsell CofE Junior School



26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### COVID-19: Updates

#### Home Learning

I hope that you and your children are finding the resources that we are putting on the website useful. I know that for many of you working in this way with your children is very new. Please remember that the most important thing at this time is your child's emotional wellbeing, and that we are not expecting all of our parents to suddenly become expert teachers! If your child is becoming frustrated, or is reluctant to do their home learning, please don't worry. Our younger children, in particular, may struggle and we will understand if the books have to be put away for a while. Our children will be missing their friends, and missing their usual routines, and some will be feeling very anxious and worried about the current situation. Your positivity and love are far more important than a SPAG worksheet, and I want to reassure you that we understand that, for those parents working from home, juggling home schooling and work can be very challenging. All we can do at this time is our best, and what that looks like will be very different from family to family.

#### Email

I know that parents are emailing teachers with questions, and that is great. If your child has a question for their teacher, please could this come from a parent's email account and please could you monitor this and confirm, on the email, that you have read the content. Children should not be emailing teachers from their own personal email accounts. This is a safeguarding issue. Thank you for your understanding.

#### Easter Holidays

We will not be sending out any homework over the Easter holidays. Virtual school 'closes' on 3<sup>rd</sup> April and re-opens on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Childcare for key workers

We have a very small number of children requiring emergency childcare so we have now teamed up with Sythwood School. Our key worker children will be going to Sythwood from Monday, so Horsell Junior will be closed. Phones will be manned between 8.30 and 11 and we will still be responding to emails, as most of us get used to remote working. A small number of our teachers will be with our children at Sythwood, on a rota, so they have a familiar face when they arrive in the morning. This provision will continue for critical worker children over the Easter holidays.

With very best wishes

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