



Horsell C of E Junior School



7th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you very much for your continued support over the past few weeks. I hope that you and your families are well and staying safe and happy in these uncertain times.

As you know, although the school building is closed, school is still very much 'open' – albeit in a rather different format! Our teachers and teaching assistants are working on a rota at Sythwood School, our office staff are picking up messages and dealing with emails and queries, and, when not providing childcare, our teachers are setting and marking work via seesaw, email and the website.

As well as setting and marking work, our teachers are planning work for when we come back to school so that we can ensure that our children are not disadvantaged by this period of social distancing. We are looking at new resources, adaptations to our curriculum, maths textbooks, and much more. Staff are meeting remotely, via Microsoft teams, and staff training is continuing. Teaching Assistants have also been engaged in professional development and we are trying to keep in touch with as many of you as we can, either by phone or by email.

We have now written a Seesaw policy, which has been attached to this letter. The policy sets out how Seesaw should be used and the types of feedback that children should expect when submitting work. During this period of lockdown, teachers will look at Seesaw in two blocks of time in the day when they are not on childcare duty at Sythwood School. This will enable teachers to manage their time effectively and provide pupils with the feedback and encouragement that they need.

I am aware that we are in a period of great uncertainty at present as media speculation continues about when, and how, schools will reopen. As always, I will endeavour to keep parents fully informed when I receive further government guidance. In the meantime, keep safe, stay in touch, enjoy the bank holiday weekend, and keep smiling!

With very best wishes

Mrs C Wand
Headteacher