

Monday, May 4, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

I do hope you and those close to you are staying safe and staying well. As we start another week of lockdown I wanted to take the opportunity to share some information with you and once again thank you for your continued support.

### Bank Holiday Closure

We have had no requests for child care for this Friday, therefore school will be closed.

### Key Worker Childcare

If you are a key worker and require your child to be in school, please continue to send in your requirements via email to [enquiries@huntersbar-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@huntersbar-jun.sheffield.sch.uk) by Wednesday for the following week.

### Home Learning

So far the feedback from parents about the changes we made to the home learning system have been wholly positive. Thank you to everyone for their comments. We have also had some really useful suggestions about how we might continue to make the system easier for children and parents to access and use. We will not be making any wholesale changes to the system right now, but some small tweaks may be made as we continue.

### Home Learning and Bank Holiday

We are aware that there are differences in both circumstances and need when it comes to the home learning. Bearing this in mind and following the principles set out for home learning; we would not expect children to be doing any work on Friday and to take it as a holiday. However, work has been provided for the week for those parents who would find it useful.

As usual, teachers will still selecting a piece of work to be shared with them and will communicate this in the same way and at the same time (by Thursday lunchtime). If you are taking Friday off, please don't feel under any obligation to do this for this week – simply choose another piece of work to send (your child might want to choose something they are particularly proud of).

### Moving forwards

We continue to wait for news from the Government about any easing or changes to the lockdown procedures. Our school has been working with other local schools, with support from the Local Authority to look at different scenarios based on some or all of the children returning to school. If things change either nationally or locally, we will let you know as soon as we do.



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Finally, I want to say how proud we have all been of the children who have been attending school in these difficult times. They remain upbeat, positive and sensible and are making our job in school much easier. I also want to thank you for all your messages of thanks and support. Myself and the staff are feeling now, more than ever, the sense of community that we are all part of. Ironically, at this time when we are further apart than we ever have been, I feel closer to you all.

Take care and stay safe.

Michael Watson (Headteacher)