



Tuesday 24th March 2020

COVID-19 Update

Dear Families,

You may have seen the public announcement from the Prime Minister Boris Johnson last night. In his announcement, he thanked the many members of the public that are following advice from the Government, but shared with us all that more needs to be done with regards to social distancing. Again, he made it very clear that if children can safely be kept at home, they should be, as home is the safest place for your child to be.

In addition, there will be a greater police presence, who will be disbursing gatherings of more than 2 people. Please can we do all that we can to support the Government with their efforts to stop this virus in its tracks and save many thousands of lives. It is therefore vital that children do not go outside to play with friends. Please keep them at home. As Mr. Johnson said, parks will remain open for walks/exercise, but children should not be playing on equipment.

For our school, we continue to liaise with other local headteachers to organise continued service that is safe for all during this very uncertain time. It may become necessary in the coming weeks to "pair" with another local school, meaning that children from our paired school may come to Long Lawford Primary School, or vice versa. This is to ensure that schools may operate with the correct number of admin staff, teachers, teaching assistants, cleaners and other site staff. It also means that schools can pool their resources to ensure that there are enough first aiders, Designated Safeguarding Leads and Senior Staff on site to support where necessary. If/when this pairing of schools takes place, I will share further information with you.

There is also lots of information on Warwickshire's website for parents and COVID-19, which you may find useful. Please visit https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-advice-parents/1. There is also lots of useful support available from Citizens Advice Bureau, Family Information Service, NHS.uk and Gov.uk.

Thank you all for your continued support during this uncertain time. Your positive comments regarding our school is greatly appreciated and really helping school staff remain buoyant during unsettled times. If you need any support with home learning technical difficulties or any other support, please email admin2405@welearn365.com and we will try our best to help as much as we can.

Yours sincerely,

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