

Friday 27th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well.... After what was a distressing time for everyone during the last week of actual school, this week has been a most surreal and unusual week with home learning! However, we are slowly managing these new ways of working and adapting accordingly.

You and your children are also having to get used to these methods too but I have to say, we are so proud of our pupils for all the effort they are putting into home learning. The photos on Twitter have been fabulous and we hope you are not going too stir crazy!

We really hope that you are all managing to stay safe and well out there. It's so disconcerting being apart from everyone in our community but we know it is absolutely the right thing to do. Thank you all for your messages of support – at the moment we cannot respond to all of them but please know that your messages have been passed on to all of our staff.

Home learning

At the end of this letter is a message from Jenny regarding home learning. Please note that our children will not be set any home learning tasks at the weekends. They deserve a break too. We will also not be setting any formal home learning over the Easter holidays, but the staff are putting together a list of practical activities that your child can complete and share with their classmates electronically. This will be sent to you next week.

Missing children

There have been a few children we have not heard from through our online learning yet and we are working on contacting these parents. We will be making follow up phone calls next week to check that everyone is okay out there.

Support for families with children with SEND

You can find this information on the MK Local Offer page: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mksend and the Local Offer Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MKSEND. Team duty line, Monday to Friday (8.30am – 4.30pm): **01908 657825**

Advice, information and support for children with sensory needs

The Sensory-ICT Team are developing information, ideas and activities which can be used to support children and young people at school and at home. These will be available on the MK Local Offer page and the Local Offer Facebook page. General links can be found at www.mkeducate.co.uk

Information and activities intended for children with a hearing impairment, vision impairment and/or ICT needs (**including E-safety**) can be found at: <https://stpstaff.sharepoint.com/sites/SensoryICT/>

Please use the following details to log-in:

User: sensory-ict@outlook.com (this email is not monitored, please only use for logging in to the Sensory-ICT site)

Password: Daffodil357

Caring for our elderly

After discussion with one of our keyworker parents this morning, we'd like to remind you that if you know of a vulnerable adult or elderly person that needs support then please contact the council on 01908 691691. Ask for the 'Operator' and then 'Local Support Service' who will be able to help. Thank you.

Easter

The school will be operating a free holiday club for children whose parents are both key workers only. Please sign up to the SchoolGateway in the usual way. Thank you.

Residential and day trips - Refunds

Louise is currently working with SchoolComms to refund full amounts for our residential and day trips booked until the end of May 2020. We have an added complication as it's our new financial year but we plan to have all refunds into the account or credit card you used to pay with by the end of April 2020. We will let you know if we encounter any problems or a delay with this. We have managed to save most of our cancellation charges with

rebooking, charity donations and grovelling! School will cover the remaining amount so we can offer you full refunds.

Have a lovely weekend at home with your families – I will be nagging my boys to get out of their pyjamas so I can wash them!

Best wishes,

Claire, Taryn and Ian

Hello Tickford Park Community,

School Blog

I hope you have had a good first week. Your teachers have been putting your work onto the year group blog, example link to the class blog is: <https://www.tickfordpark.co.uk/yr4-distance-learning> the school site password is: **TPPS2020** we have password protected it so that the TP community can leave comments on the blog. All staff would love to see comments from your children, what they are getting up to or if they have any problems.

Google Chrome

This was a very fast roll out, so we have had some issues with children's logon to Google Chrome. The idea is all their access to webs resources are saved here and their passwords are saved under their account. LINK DATA and you will see all access. Staff have been working hard trying to double check all access is setup. The password will be in your book. There is a help video if you are not sure how to do this: <https://www.tickfordpark.co.uk/logon--access-problems.html>



Yellow highlighted is Distance Learning area
Red is the TP Links
Blue is the information about COVID-19

Twitter

If you have approved for your children to be on the school website/twitter account then we would love for you to share your distance learning experience with the school community, your teachers miss you and it's nice to see what you are all doing. If you tag us then we will retweet to share, our twitter account is: @TickfordPark weblink: <https://twitter.com/TickfordPark> We would like to reach 400 followers



Logon Issues

If you still have logon issue then please complete the online form and we will sort it out as soon as possible: <https://www.tickfordpark.co.uk/logon--access-problems.html> We believe we have resolved all issues from this week, so if you still have a problem, complete the form.