

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has come to the stage where schools have to close which gives us a clearer picture of the plans we need to put in place.

We would like to let you know the ways in which we intend to keep in touch for the foreseeable future. It is important to us and for the children to try and continue some daily learning. It clearly isn't going to be the classroom environment and the day to day structure that the children are used to in school but we are here to work together to give the children some daily focus and routine, which hopefully will assist the transition back to school when we can do so.

### **Supporting the Children's Learning**

Today, you will receive a pack for your child(ren). Due to the extreme amount of photocopying, we will only be providing one pack per child. These are activities that can be completed over the next couple of weeks (unless unwell to do so) plus links to websites that can support their education. In the meantime, school staff are putting together a longer term plan to support the children's education. This will be circulated ready to start after the Easter holiday.

**Packs for children who are currently not in school** – if you live near a family who are currently not in school and you can help to **safely** deliver their pack to doorstep, then please pick this up at the end of the day. Otherwise packs can be collected **from school between 3.30 – 5pm today**. After this, don't panic, there will be the opportunity of delivering packs somehow.

Whilst we are not able to teach your child, there are still lots of things that they can do. The most important thing you can do is make sure they are still reading lots. If you have any library books or school reading scheme books, please use them, all we request is that you look after them and bring them back to school when we return.

Learning will also happen without having to 'do school work': baking, gardening, building a den, doing a puzzle, physical activity (Super Movers is great!), singing, write a letter/email to someone (to us if they want to!), put on a play, do some drawing/doodling/colouring, make a treasure map, do some junk modelling... the list is endless and there are lots of Facebook Support groups being created with ideas.

### **Keeping in Touch**

We have set up a communication system. Each class teacher will be contacting you via the following email addresses:

[class1@uley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:class1@uley.gloucs.sch.uk)

[class2@uley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:class2@uley.gloucs.sch.uk)

[class3@uley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:class3@uley.gloucs.sch.uk)

[class4@uley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:class4@uley.gloucs.sch.uk)

Class teachers and support staff will be available throughout the day, between 9am and 3pm, (unless unwell to do so) during term time to send any work or to ask any questions regarding supporting the education of your children during these extraordinary times. We anticipate that due to the number of emails the teachers may have to respond to, they may not be able to email instantly, so please be patient with us.

### **The School Office**

Carol, Lisa (Family Support) and I can be contacted through the usual email address [admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk). This email will be checked regularly. Do expect a phone call from us every now and then too!

I will keep you up to date with any whole school news through:

- Uley School texting system
- Uley School Facebook Page
- Twitter – Uley School is currently setting up a Twitter page @UleySchool – watch this space
- School Email
- Uley School Website

These are unprecedented times and we are all concerned about the impact of the pandemic on the community and for us personally. Over this uncertain time period let's do our best to help and support each other.

Keep safe and healthy everyone.

Kind regards,

Zoe Mandeville

