



3rd April 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, and Children,

As we end our second week of ‘lockdown’, parents, staff and pupils are all still having to adjust to the challenges of life in this moment of national crisis, which has meant such significant changes in the approach we are having to take in so many areas of our lives. When I reflect on the Easter message I sent last year, I can scarcely believe how different the world currently looks.

As such, I would just like to take a moment to express my thanks and support to all those in our school community and nationally who are doing so much to support us all. We need our key workers to be able to do their jobs while the rest of us continue to follow the guidance issued by Public Health England.

We hope you are all keeping well, and we wanted you to know how much we are missing seeing the children at school. I know that things are all upside down for you and I know that whilst some of your children may be enjoying being at home, for some the change from usual routines and the current situation will cause worry and anxiety. The decision for school children to be apart from each other is a difficult situation but as I said to them all during our last Friday assembly, everyone wants to keep them safe.

Unfortunately, since the school closed, I have been unwell, which has meant that, following advice from Public Health England, I have been unable to remain as connected to school as I would have liked. I would therefore like to extend my thanks to all the staff who have continued to work tirelessly to meet the needs of the children both in school and at home in my absence.

I would like to extend a message particularly to the children that they need to remember that they are all so special; no matter where they are, they will ALWAYS be a SHJS learner! Life as we know it is rather different now as most of you will be learning at home. However, you still belong to your class and year groups and your teachers are thinking of you every day. You can contact them through Google Classroom at any time, particularly if you are missing your classmates.



I know it is strange that your parents have taken on the role of helping you with your learning at home. Remember - I still expect you to listen carefully and follow instructions just as we expect you to do at school! We are always looking for lots of activities to keep you busy so that you can practice the skills you were learning in school and therefore you will be ready to start the new learning when you come back.

Sun Hill Junior School will continue to meet the needs of the children of essential workers during the Easter holidays.

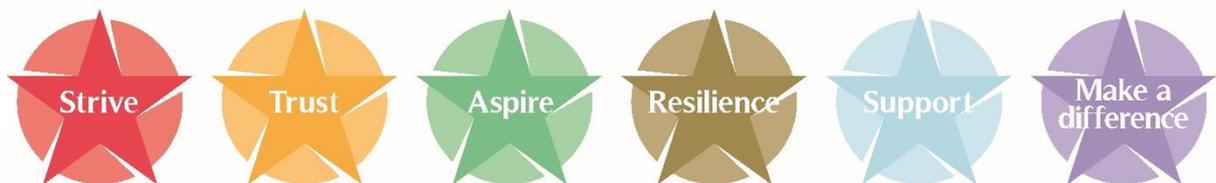
Children, you are brilliant, and we will get through this together!

Look after yourself, help with the chores and be kind to each other!

Keep washing your hands too!

Thinking of you all,

Mrs Griffiths and all the staff at SHJS



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