

## Newsletter we 20 March 2020 – email version

Dear Parents

This newsletter is unique. It seems very strange not to be focusing on the many achievements and activities the children have been doing. However, at the moment we need to pause and reset values to focus on the here and now. Whilst the future is uncertain, it is also very certain too.

I have been truly inspired by the way in which staff have responded to the challenges we are facing as a community at the moment. Their dedication and positivity is awe inspiring. Like them I feel privileged to be supporting the work of our key workers, especially those in the NHS front line who dedicate their lives for us all, from us all **“Thank you!”**

As a community, I have already seen so much kindness and generosity towards those who need it most at the moment. This comes from people who have paused for a moment to reflect on what is truly important at the moment. Let us all pause for that moment too.

As the daughter of parents in their 90s, I understand the anxiety that people face and we must be especially aware of their needs and the needs of vulnerable people, whilst taking care of ourselves to be able to support them properly.

It is vital we all take time to pause and think of how responsible we have to be at this time with personal hygiene and safe contacts.

The staff are looking forward to supporting all the children in their new home learning, wherever this is possible, as we fully appreciate every circumstance is unique.

Please feel free to send in photos for our special photo gallery on home learning if you wish to share something amazing you have done at home with your children, we would love to keep a gallery of achievements.

Whether we are two communities or one big one, separated only for a short time, we will be in spirit working and supporting together.

I look forward to keeping you updated across our community and wish you and your family good health in the weeks ahead.

Kind Regards

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