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Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that it is only a week since I wrote to you regarding the closure of schools nationally. In this week, we have continued to support the children of our keyworkers by providing activities and support for them in school. We appreciate that these are challenging times and Mr Averis, Deputy Head is in constant contact with these families to ensure that we can support where possible.

Government advice remains

“If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be as the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.”

We also continue to support all students with their home learning. If you click on the red banner on the school website this will take you to a range of updated advice, including: -

- A guide to supporting your child with learning at home
- A student friendly guide for managing home learning
- Some social media guidance for parents
- Instructions for accessing Mathswatch for those who have lost login details
- Details of the parent support line from the educational Psychology Service.

We will continue to upload useful resources onto this area of the website and are working on a range of home learning activities for all students for after Easter. Please note there are now subject specific email addresses where students can send in any queries that they have, these can be found on the ‘Managing your Home Learning’ guide.

The pastoral team have been working hard keeping in touch with families. I would like to reiterate that if you have any concerns please email enquiry@jws.bham.sch.uk and your message will be passed to the relevant member of staff for a response. Again, please bear with us as we have reduced staffing but will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible. If you require urgent assistance and believe that someone is at immediate risk of harm, then please contact the police.

I hope that this information is useful.

Stay safe.

**Mrs T Peters
Headteacher**