



HT's Daily Update for families, 01.04.2020

Good morning all and happy April Fools' Day!

Even though we are in the midst of a crisis, and I am patently aware of the serious nature of this situation, I feel it's important to keep up our sense of humour and fun.

With that in mind, I wanted to share a great free website where you can create your own 'Breaking News' images as per the news on the television. Just follow this link and share what you have created - <https://breakyourownnews.com/>

Bit of light hearted fun to brighten up your day!

I have attached a timetable idea that was shared by the Senior Managers at the Council which was sent to us as guidance whilst working in the Hub. I have had a couple of parents ask if I had anything to share and think that this gives a good basic structure for you to play with.

This does come with the caveat that you are not expected to use a timetabled approach. It is all about being responsive to the needs of your children and you!

Take the time to read the image I have posted on Twitter which reminds you of the incredible job you are doing.

We had a great Parent Council Meeting via Zoom last night. So lovely to see everyone's faces! Lots of discussion about the plans for pupil/ teacher communication after the Easter holidays.

Just to share a few key points:

The SLT are busily working behind the scenes, consulting with staff and Senior Members of the Parent Council, to agree a model of communication which is equitable and inclusive for all our families.

This model will support our teachers to ensure we are taking into consideration their personal situation, their commitment to working at the Hub Provisions and realistic expectations.

The key is to provide consistency, flexibility and contact (as all the staff are very much missing the children!)

This model will not roll out before the Easter holidays. We have had clear guidance from the Council that all school staff are to have a break over the Easter holidays. The past few weeks have been extremely intense for all of us working in education and the Council have acknowledged that our wonderful staff need time to recharge and prepare for the alternative provision for the Summer term.

The Hub Provision will change over the Easter holidays and I am waiting to hear what the proposed model for this will be.

I know you will support this and I will keep in regular contact to provide you with update.

Our Parent Council asked me to remind you that they are your voice and are really keen to hear how you are getting on. You can ask any questions which they will then feedback to me and the rest of the Senior Leadership Team for us to consider and respond to.

As ever, lots going on to keep us busy!

Please keep well and continue to keep in touch.

Big hello to all our fabulous pupils and to you, a huge thank you!

Speak soon.

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