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Dear Parents /Carers

This week, our staff have spent time considering how we can support pupil wellbeing for children both in school and at home, while also thinking ahead to September. We have drawn on some fantastic resources and delivered training to our staff members so that we are fully prepared to support our pupils through this difficult time.

We have created some new areas on the website, including collating some advice for parents here: http://foxboroughprimary.co.uk/Covid19_advice_for_parents

There are also some specialised units of work to support you with talking to your children about the coronavirus, dealing with loss, friendship and belonging. These can be downloaded here: http://foxboroughprimary.co.uk/Pupil_Wellbeing%E2%80%8B

Children learning at home

For those of you with children at home, after such a long time it is inevitable that there will come a period where the children's appetite for learning loses momentum. Please be aware that this is completely normal and not to be disheartened. Try checking in for our daily challenges to find short, fun activities that you can try as a family.

This week our Superproject is all about DINOSAURS! <http://foxboroughprimary.co.uk/superprojects>

Our staff members have begun to make calls home to check in with pupils and see how things are going. Thank you to those parents that have already made time to speak to us; if you haven't already had a call, please expect to hear from us over the next few weeks. If you would like an appointment to speak to someone or to discuss home learning, please email: post@foxboroughprimary.co.uk to book an appointment.

I am very aware that for the parents of children in year groups that remain at home, especially our year 6 pupils, there is a desire to give the children an opportunity to reconnect with each other and with their teachers. We are currently working through various options so that we can provide this opportunity before the end of the school year and I will be in touch with more information in due course.

Pupils in Nursery, Reception and Year 1

For those of you with children in school, we have seen another fantastic week with even more children on site. We have now opened a second Year 1 bubble as well as a second bubble for the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils.

We look forward to welcoming back more pupils next week and we are encouraged to see the numbers of pupils in school growing. As their parent / carer, you are best placed to make decisions for



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your family and, as such, we will continue to set high-quality remote learning for all year groups so that you can decide when it is right for you and your child to return to school. Until such time, please continue to access the home learning resources on the website.

Reminder: Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any symptoms.

These include:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

If your child displays these symptoms

- Keep them at home
- Follow NHS advice here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- Obtain a test
- Telephone the school

If you would like your child to return to school in the week beginning Monday 22nd June, please complete the survey below.

If your child is already in school this week, you do NOT need to complete this survey again. All other parents/ carers must complete this survey by 12 noon on Thursday 18th June to inform us of your intentions for the week beginning 22nd June.

We will not be able to accept any pupils returning to school for the first time unless this survey has been completed.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2r5LQU61KkyYrll32nitAjzEPBeYsZFIm34JMd9IEHpUQ1ZYREpBNEtXOVRKQ09FT1JU0U9RR085QS4u>

This form will be resent every week so that you have the opportunity to review your decision and inform us whether you wish your child to return to school the following Monday. **We will not be able to admit any pupils on site whose parents have not informed us using this form in advance.**

On Friday, we will be allocating children to their bubbles. Bubble leads will be in contact with parents to discuss arrangements for the following week.

We know that returning to school may be confusing and worrying for some children. Some of the pupils already accessing the provision at Foxborough have made these videos to help children feel reassured about returning to the setting. Please watch these videos with your child and discuss some of the changes in place when they return to school.

http://foxboroughprimary.co.uk/Returning_to_school

We also ask that you support your child in returning to the school setting by encouraging them returning to their normal school routine in preparation for next week; early bedtimes and a consistent wake time will help to make sure that they feel ready for the school day.

Kestrel group

This week I would like to shine a light on some fantastic work completed by Miss Keeling and Mrs Grieve's Kestrel bubble. They have had lots of fun in school creating slime and dream catchers!



Key workers

If you are a key worker and would like to access the school childcare provision, please contact post@foxboroughprimary.co.uk

A message from Mr Daley

From the bottom of my heart, I hope that everyone is doing well and is happy and secure. It has been so nice to see familiar faces start to come back to school over the last couple of weeks. While, it brings me great joy to see our school moving forward to normal, I can't wait until we can all be back together on the same school grounds at the same time. I miss the sounds of the playground at break and lunch time as well as the lessons and learning that take place in the classroom. While we haven't been able to learn as we would normally do, during this current time, I hope that you have all had a chance to continue to learn each and every day. Learning is a lifelong process and each day should be a chance to start something new, get better at what you're already learning or mastering something you've worked on for a long time. Until we can be together again in person, I send infinite good wishes to you all. Be kind to one another and even while in lockdown, try to make the world a better place to live.

Thank you so much Mr Daley for your heart-warming message. I hope that you are all doing well and can't wait until we can all be back in school together.

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully

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