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Dear Parents & Carers,

I trust you all had a restful Easter break and wish you a warm welcome back to our very first remote summer term!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say how well you are all doing to support your child's wellbeing and learning during this unusual time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time for us all, so it's ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We are here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn, or you need any other support from the school please let us know by leaving a message with the school office, which is open Monday to Friday between 9am and 3.30pm. They will know what to do and who to put you in touch with. We will do everything we can to support you and to get back to you within two days.

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with our remote working and provision for children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils.

Although we are not all in the same building, it does not mean we cannot have some fun together! Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term – so keep a close eye on the messages through the learning platforms, newsletters, text messages and their links, the app and our website.

I would also like to thank all parents and carers who took the time to speak with their child's class teacher on the phone in the last week of the spring term. If you have not already managed to speak with your child's class teacher they will now be calling you each week to find out how things are going and make sure you are able to make the most of the learning opportunities we have made available for home learning.



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This week your teachers, along with their planned home learning, will be introducing their classes to the online learning platform made available via our local authority; <https://www.islingtoncs.org/home-learning>, and the BBC bitesize newly launched programme; <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>. Both programmes have been designed to help support home learning. Please take the time to have a look at them together with your child.

In addition to this new home learning packs are being prepared by the school. We would also like to thank the LA for the hardcopy home learning support packs put together to help families who are having difficulty accessing the remote learning platforms. Whilst we have a limited number please do let the school office know if you feel they may be of help to you or your child.

Teachers will continue to call families weekly between 9.30am and 12.30pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. When they call it will come up as a **'withheld number, No Caller ID or similar-depending on your phone carrier'** to ensure their data protection. **If you receive a call from an unknown number between 9.30am and 12.30pm – please answer** – it is important teachers and learning support staff in the school have the opportunity to talk to both you and your child to support their home learning. Please do not be offended if we continue to chase unanswered calls.

It is vitally important that your child accesses their home learning daily and that the teachers have the opportunity to speak with you and/or your child about their learning. Our aim is to ensure your child can successfully make the most of the opportunities available to continue with their learning at home.

We love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home – please keep sharing their work by sending links or pictures to admin@robertblair.islington.sch.uk or via the virtual learning platform. Well done to those who are sending work in, please keep them coming! The children love seeing each other's work, and their own, showcased though our communication links to other classes, in our newsletters and via the app or school website. Please make sure you name your child and their class to make sure we know whose it is.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

Let's get cracking with our summer term!

Warm regards,

Best wishes,



Michelle Bahn
Headteacher