

# The Federation of Heathfield and St Francis Schools



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Dear Parents and Carers

It seems a lifetime ago that I wrote to you on 20<sup>th</sup> March. I hope you and your family are all keeping well and safe during this very challenging time. We constantly think about you and it goes without saying, we miss the children terribly in school.

We have continued to stay open for a very small number of pupils and I cannot thank staff enough for continuing to come to work, often meaning their own children have to go into their schools to do so. As you can imagine, our staffing levels are depleting daily as the shielding and self-isolating measures are put into place.

We continue to be extremely grateful for the positive comments received from so many of you. This means a great deal to our staff.

Please look at our websites for useful and helpful information, which we add to daily. We will be putting another newsletter on there tomorrow, so please do share this with your children. One of our most recent additions is some information should you find yourselves in a position where your child has to go to hospital. If this happens please do let us know.

We are keeping Heathfield School open over Easter for the very small number of children across both schools whose parents and carers are critical key workers. We are not offering places to any other children during this time. Should you find yourselves in need of support please contact your social worker, as you would do over any holiday period, or telephone into Heathfield School where you can talk to a senior leader. We are very happy to listen and to guide you to further support if we can.

We are currently unsure as to the arrangements after Easter. Once the Government provides its updates we will act accordingly. As such, please check the website regularly for what this means for us. The advice is still that being at home is the safest place to be and we want you to consider how you can facilitate this moving forward. Thank you, this is to safeguard your family and the families of our staff.

Please take care of yourselves.

Very best wishes

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