

# The Federation of Heathfield and St Francis Schools



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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all staying safe and well.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding whilst we arrange our plans to open for face to face learning as of next week. Thank you also for your messages of support, from which we have taken great comfort.

We will be contacting you today with our plans for placements and I am well aware that some of you will be disappointed and frustrated. It is important to note that the critical worker pupils have increased by up to 30% since the last full lockdown, which inevitably, has put a strain on availability. None of us want to be in the position where we cannot offer face to face education to all pupils and I want to assure you that decisions have been made with the very best intentions for our entire federation community. Our priority is and will be to keep everyone safe.

Our placement plans are for the next five weeks and will be constantly reviewed as Government guidance becomes available. There has been no further guidance to special schools since the announcement on Monday evening. If we are able to increase placements, we will.

Home learning tasks are now uploaded in the Coronavirus section on each school's website. These are individualised for each class but of course you can make use of any learning on there. We are also looking at a more interactive approach via Google Classroom. More information on this will follow.

Your class teacher will make contact with you over the next two days and for those pupils who are learning at home, they will be in touch regularly with you.

Please can I ask you to check your emails regularly today for further information.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding, and please take care.

Yours sincerely



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