



# Hunnyhill Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a strange new world we are living in! I am finding the speed of change and uncertainty of what might happen next quite difficult, as I'm sure that you are too. I am very lucky that we have such a great staff team at Hunnyhill and we are doing our very best to support each other through these difficult times. I really do miss our Hunnyhill children though, and we are only 1 week in!

I hope you are finding your feet in your new roles as parents, carers, home workers, workers AND educators! The teachers have been working hard to put together the home learning and via Dojo teachers will update you with new tasks and ideas. If you would like to make contact with teachers, do not forget the private messaging on Dojo. This can be your opportunity to ask any questions about the learning tasks or just to check in to say hello. The teachers would love to hear from their class, either a message on Dojo or take a picture of a written letter and send the picture via Dojo.

If your child's teacher is unwell and cannot make contact, then you will receive a Dojo stating this and the teacher will make contact as soon as they are well enough to do so.

Mrs Ward-Reynolds has already made phone contact or messaged many families in the past week. If you would like to contact Mrs Ward-Reynolds for support, she can be contacted via Dojo or email [cward-reynolds@hunnyhillschool.co.uk](mailto:cward-reynolds@hunnyhillschool.co.uk)

We will not be setting new learning or making contact over the Easter holidays as we would not normally set work over Easter. Tomorrow Miss Croad will be sending out a list of useful websites, live cams and links along with timings of when they are shown. We hope you find these useful.

I hope that you are managing to find a routine and settle into your new lives. We are all unsure how long the schools will be closed, but I will keep you updated as I receive new information.

We understand delivering home learning can be a challenge. Some children will be less keen to learn in their home setting than they would be at school and may present challenging behaviour. Although it is best to establish a routine and high expectations, please remember learning is not an exact science and sometimes it's best to move away from even the best laid plans and be more flexible. It can take time for children to adapt to new routines and it may be best to take an extra break if things get fraught and then revisit the work or the issue when everyone is calmer. Similarly, if your child is showing a real interest in a particular piece of writing or a topic, feel free to spend more time on that at the expense of a different piece of work that may be less engaging.

Remember there are many other ways children can learn, as I referred to in my letter a week ago. The message is still the same. Do what you can, don't put pressure on yourselves, celebrate small steps and successes and stay healthy, both physically and mentally.

Thank you for all your positive feedback and appreciation for the hard work of all our staff. They very much appreciate your support.

I look forward to hopefully seeing you all soon, please follow advice and stay safe.

Mrs Lisa Steedman  
Headteacher