



# Kents Hill Park School

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Dear Pupils,

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I have written a lot to your parents recently about the current situation we face as a school and as a society, but I thought it was important that I wrote to you, also. It has been a very strange few weeks for us all.

First of all, I wanted to thank you for your understanding, calmness and focus on your learning over the last few weeks. You have been a credit to the school and it has certainly made our lives as staff much easier. I know that this must be a worrying time for you; from the announcement of an isolation centre on our doorstep, to all the changes due to Coronavirus in school and around us. As always, you have taken it all in your stride and demonstrated fantastic resilience.

I know that the idea of a long period away from school may sound very appealing in the first instance, but it is really important that you maintain a structure and routine to your lives that includes a focus on school work where you can. We will continue to post work on the VLE, so check it regularly. No one really knows yet, but if we do only return in September, we will have missed a significant period of time and work. Look after yourself physically and mentally - eat well, exercise and get plenty of sleep. Read as much as you can.

Staff will continue to work to provide vital support for key workers and vulnerable pupils so that we can tackle this crisis together and play our part in keeping the country running, but the school will feel very empty and strange without you. I know that staff love working here and they love providing the very best care and education they can for you. You might not appreciate it all the time, but I am sure that over the coming weeks you will begin to appreciate the efforts that they put in every day.

When we come back it is likely that you will be in a different year group and we will have a new cohort of pupils in Foundation, Year 3 and Year 7. We will again have doubled in size and that will provide some challenges to make sure that we operate effectively. I know that you will deal with this magnificently and will really demonstrate the standards that we expect at school.

More important than this, though, is that while we are away you observe all the guidance provided by the government to make sure that we all stay safe; that you look after yourselves, your families and friends; and that you come back to us safe and sound. Remember, always be kind.

We will see you all soon.

Kind regards,

All the staff at Kents Hill Park School.

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