

1<sup>st</sup> May 2020

### School Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As per my previous letter, I really hope you, the children and your families are keeping well and looking after yourselves both mentally and physically. As time goes on lockdown is getting more and more difficult but we must remember we are doing the right thing for the country. It will get better within time.

According to the Prime Minister last night, it sounds as though we have 'passed the peak' and are coming through it. He said, further details will be announced next week in terms of how we will slowly get back to normal. Nothing has been announced yet though and in the meantime school remains closed for all but key worker and vulnerable children. I will update you when we have official information.

In order to improve communication further between home and school, we have set up year group email accounts so that you can communicate directly to teachers with any queries regarding home learning. You may want to send any work that has been completed by your children for comment.

The emails are as follows:

[Nursery@djpa-tkat.org](mailto:Nursery@djpa-tkat.org)

[YearR@djpa-tkat.org](mailto:YearR@djpa-tkat.org)

[Year1@djpa-tkat.org](mailto:Year1@djpa-tkat.org)

[Year2@djpa-tkat.org](mailto:Year2@djpa-tkat.org)

[Year3@djpa-tkat.org](mailto:Year3@djpa-tkat.org)

[Year4@djpa-tkat.org](mailto:Year4@djpa-tkat.org)

[Year5@djpa-tkat.org](mailto:Year5@djpa-tkat.org)

[Year6@djpa-tkat.org](mailto:Year6@djpa-tkat.org)

As you will notice, these are year group email accounts so your class teacher may not be the one who responds. Please note responses will only be received between 9am and 3pm, Monday to Friday. My teachers will not be working outside of these hours as it is important more than ever that I encourage work/life balance. It is far too tempting to work and check emails 24/7, which is not healthy.

Responses will not be immediate but we aim to get back to you by the next working day.

Hopefully this will provide another helpful level of communication. My staff continue to ring round as many parents as possible to make sure you are ok and entitled to free school meal vouchers. Please remember that



@DJPAoutstanding



you can also email the office or phone us for general advice or support (details at the top of this letter). You are not on your own and Dame Janet can help you.

I have heard that one or two parents feel pressured to complete all the work on our website. Even if you don't do any work on one day it isn't the end of the world. Spending time with the family is also important. If there was one thing I would advise you do with the children it is read, read, read. The school day is usually 9am until 3pm so if you can try keeping to a routine and have regular breaks.

**Learning by Questions Website:**

This is a FREE resource website for parents, carers and learners filled with interactive Question Sets. The questions are automatically marked and feedback is provided. This is not a Dame Janet website but seems very good.

[https://www.lbq.org/home?mc\\_cid=41074993c2&mc\\_eid=d61f211957](https://www.lbq.org/home?mc_cid=41074993c2&mc_eid=d61f211957)

I will be in touch next week with a further update. In the meantime, please stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Mr Marshall  
Head of School