



Rednal Hill Junior School

School Closure Newsletter 1

Hello and update from Mr Jones

Well, we're not even part way through the second week of lockdown and it already feels like an eternity.

As you're probably aware, there's been considerable staff absence but we've managed to keep Rednal open to deal with a small influx of children from 'Key Worker' families. We've endeavoured to keep the arrangements as light hearted as possible.

We've added a [Coronavirus-School Closure Information](#) page to the website. This contains links to:

- all letters gone out
- The Learning Projects
- Helpful numbers and services for children and families
- Information for parents of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- [Educational Psychology Telephone Helpline](#)

[The Learning Projects](#), 7 weeks worth, are now published on the school website. These will be extended, come the time. We have also started to supplement this work with other learning opportunities and again this will be extended over the coming weeks. Mr Flanagan is our first 'You Tube' teacher and can be seen encouraging children to work on their maths using the [White Rose](#) scheme. As a school we've used this planning for sometime, so it's great to recommend something that compliments all we teach maths wise. There is also some advice available to stretch the more able using [iseemaths](#).

SATs

Due to the current crisis, SATs has been cancelled for our current Y6. These will be replaced with teacher assessments.

Easter Holidays

I know it's hard to believe but we should be breaking up for Easter on Friday for a couple of weeks. Don't forget it's a holiday and should be treated like this. Parents, take the pressure of yourselves and don't feel you have to fit in the 'daily learning'. I've a 6 year old, trying to complete her school work, my work, fun times and food has been trying at times and completely exhausting!

Phone Calls Home & School Contact with Families

Over the course of last week some families will have received phone calls from school to 'check in' and see how you're doing and managing during these very difficult times.

We're very aware of how worrying the children are finding this current situation and the changes to their daily routine of school, and we are keen to offer contact and reassurance from school to support families during this time. Over the course of the coming weeks it is our intention that all

children receive a phone call at least once a month from their child's class teacher. This phone call will provide an opportunity for your child to say hello to their teacher and have a bit of a chat, just like they would usually get the chance to in school. If your child has any questions for their teacher, our teachers will do their best to answer these during the call, but can always call back if they need to do some extra research!

Miss Hailey will be aiming to make phone calls to all of the children in her class later this week, before she officially leaves the school for pastures new on Friday 3rd April. After this time, it is likely that Miss Wootton or another member of the call team will make phone calls to children in this class. For those children in 4JB that were due to have Mrs Harris being their class teacher after the Easter holidays, it is likely that a member of the call team will be making phone calls to them during the remaining school closure.

Some children in school have been identified to receive more frequent phone calls because of their identified additional needs or vulnerability. We hope that families have found this a supportive measure so far. Please feel confident to raise any issues or concerns you have during this communication with school and we will do our utmost to support you during these testing times.

We're really keen to stay connected with our families and children and I think it's really important that we continue to work together to stay safe and well.

Art Competition

The theme of this challenge is "Missing You"

Create a piece of artwork that represents something you are missing during this strange time.

It could be a relative, friend, teacher, subject at school, a group activity such as football or dancing or a place that you love to visit. Let's celebrate the people, things and places that we love the most that we are not able to see, do or visit at the moment.

Send in your entries by 1st May 2020.

When you have finished your creation, take a picture, attach it to an email, and send it to enquiry@rednalhilljuniors.com making sure the subject of the email says RE: Art Competition.

Please write in the email the name and class of the artist. Please just include your artwork in the picture as we want to appreciate all of your hard work and detail in your creation. [Details can be found on our website.](#)