

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to the summer term!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so we wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting either your child's class teacher on Class Dojo or send us a text on 07797 801419.

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with remote teaching and learning whilst remaining open to provide for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers. We are also providing food vouchers for those children entitled to Pupil Premium.

However, just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't continue to learn and have fun together! The Government announced on Monday that they have an online learning hub – Oak National Academy launching from this week - <https://www.thenational.academy>. This will provide 'real' lessons with a teacher for each day, for every age group. We will be using this as our learning base from next week. To support those children who may not have access to the internet, we will also continue to provide, on a weekly basis, a range of practical activities that the children can complete at home over the next few weeks of the summer term. The activities and online lessons have a range of activities and lessons suitable to different abilities, so please feel free to access the appropriate learning for your child. Please keep a close eye on Class Dojo for weekly updates. . If you have not accessed this and need a log in code, please contact us by text on the number above.

We also love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home – please continue to send their work in to Class Dojo as we love to share and celebrate it with the rest of the school.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected. Please also ensure you have accessed the latest DfE guidance for supporting parents with learning at home.

Stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives!

Thank you for your continued support as we work alongside each other,

From all the Ruskin Infant School and Nursery team