



# Chestnuts Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and had a restful Easter break. Welcome to our first remote summer term!

We've all had to adapt to different ways of working, so I want to let you know that you are doing an amazing job supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during these difficult times.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, during which we, as adults, will have had good days and bad days, so it is inevitable that our children will wobble and worry at times. At Chestnuts, we wish to remind you that we are here for you every step of the way, whether it be seeking advice regarding learning or advice relating to well-being. If you need us, please get in touch either via telephone or the office email.

School is a very strange place at present and we do miss the children a great deal. Reduced numbers of staff are on the premises every day (including over the Easter Holidays) providing much needed childcare and we will continue to do so for as long as school is able to be open. There has been much speculation in the press recently about schools opening again soon. This is unhelpful to us all. The government have been clear that, at present, they have no date planned to re-open schools and will only do so when it is very clear that it is safe to.

You may have seen that we have been sending out questionnaires every fortnight to find out if you need the childcare we are providing. If your circumstances change after each questionnaire, please do just call school and we will be able to add or remove your child/children to our registers as necessary. These questionnaires enable us to plan for the children coming in and ensure that we have enough staff available to support the running of the school. Last minute changes can and will be accommodated.

We launched google classroom just before the holiday and are fully aware that there were initial problems – we were learning how to do it just as quickly as you were! We have made some changes over the holidays to how we post the work, and hopefully you will find that the documents are now much easier for you to edit. Again, if you have any problems with accessing the learning, please contact the school and staff will be happy to help.



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In addition, BBC bitesize have launched daily lessons for all year groups from Reception to Year 10 via their website, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>. These can, on the whole, be accessed via a mobile phone, tablet or laptop with many videos and interactive activities available.

Just remember, no one expects you to act as teachers, just continue to do what you can to encourage and support your children as you have been doing. We will pick up the teaching when schools reopen and ensure no child is left behind. Together, we can do this.

Stay safe.

Yours faithfully,

Becky Skillings  
Headteacher



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