

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Pupils of Uley School,

These are such exceptional circumstances. As a school staff we are all feeling emotional about the school closure and the prospect of not being able to physically teach and guide you on your Live, Learn, Flourish journey as much as we'd have liked, but the decision to close schools is made in the best interests of everybody's safety.

Your teachers and teaching assistants have put together some work for you to continue. For some of you, no school is happy news, for others, we know you are as upset as we are. Please, please, please continue on your learning journey as best as you can; it is really important.

After the Easter break your teachers will send you more learning activities for you to complete with your family. The school staff will be available to communicate with you; your parents know how to do this. We will be very interested in hearing from you and how well you are progressing through your activities – keep us up to date.

Year 6s – we are not sure as yet when we will be returning to school. As Boris said, if everybody does what they are suppose and act on the guidance given, I'm not ruling seeing you towards the end of the academic year, let's see how it goes, I may be completely wrong though! If we are unable to return to school until September, I have already started thinking about a plan to give you a Year 6 send-off from Uley, when we can. It is not forgotten! You have been working well with your Year 6 SATS, Miss Walker and I are really impressed. The information from your recent test and Miss Walker's good knowledge of you, will be used to inform your Year 6 assessment levels. You have worked so hard!

I need you all to be safe and well, to continue with all the learning you can and to ask us questions if you have any. Don't forget that this is a good opportunity to help your parents around the house – dusting, hoovering, washing up, weeding...

Below are some thoughts on how you can keep in touch with friends, keep healthy and stay safe.

It is farewell for now. Remember, we are at the end of an email or the phone, and are very happy to speak to you. You could write us a letter addressed to the school and we will write back – tell us how you are doing.

Keep flourishing, and be the best you can be.

Mrs Mandeville

## **Keeping in touch with your friends - -help, support and encourage each other**

Write them a letter, send them an email

Give your friends a call – ask for your parents' permission first!

Send your friends nice messages by text

Write them a social media message to tell them you are thinking of them and the activities you have been doing

## **Being online**

Please stay safe and use this responsibly. Being online is a great tool if used in the right way. Please remember what we have taught you so far. <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Use the internet to support your learning – your teachers will have sent you some links.

## **Read!**

Read a book-this might be a School book - for revision but also just a book for pleasure. Finish it-read another one!

To read is enjoyable and good for your literacy. That should be a pleasant use of time and also help your school outcomes.

## **Keep Mentally Well and Active**

As far as Government advice allows you-walk, jog, run, cycle etc in large open spaces

Dance to music – but don't annoy the whole household with your dancing and singing!

Take care of yourself – eat healthy, drink lots of water

Stick to a routine – more information about routines will follow from your teachers

Work hard but don't put pressure on yourself where you would normally talk to teachers

Everyone is in the same position nationally – you are not alone

## **Other Support**

Can you remember Childline came to see us?

Childline

0800 1111

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

You can talk to us about anything. Whatever you'd like to talk about is important to us. You are not alone. Whether you're feeling stressed, anxious, lonely or down, no matter what it relates to -we are here for you. ChildLine is a private and confidential service, meaning that what you say stays between you and ChildLine. Telephone lines are open 24/7.