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Update Letter

Friday 27th March 2020

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Hope you're all staying well and as sane as possible! We're doing ok at The Mill, but it has been very strange, and very empty without everyone here. Thanks to those of you who have been in touch about the website and Google sites for the year groups. We have been working hard to make sure that these sites are accessible for all and think we are at a point now where they are working successfully. Highlights for me have been seeing what some of our staff pets have been up to at home on the Google sites and seeing storytime videos! We hope your children have enjoyed that too.

I've been in school this week and the children have been wonderful. Our thank yous this week go to the following members of staff:

Teachers and teaching assistants:

Mr Fenton, Mrs Dawson, Miss Anderson, Mrs Atkin, Miss Demir and Mrs Hampson.

Our office and support staff:

Miss Bettinson, Mrs Wheeler, Mrs Lane, Mrs Wright and Mrs Crockford have also been on alternate shifts to help run the office. Mr Chalmers, our Hugo and Mr Prior have also been behind the scenes keeping the school open on separate shifts.

We are keeping staff at a minimum as you know in order to maintain social distancing and staff are kindly volunteering on a rota basis. Pupil numbers have dropped further, mainly because as a community you are being brilliant at following the advice to stay home and keep children at home as far as possible. For those of you that need the school places because of your front line roles, those places are here for you, just keep us updated via office@themill-tkat.org so we can put your child/ren on the register. But please always remember the key message where you can: Stay home, Protect the NHS, Save lives.

Free School Meals. Please remember if you are entitled to Free School Meals, but your child is not in school, you are able to collect a lunch from the main school gates Monday to Friday between 11.30 and 12.00.

Contact office@themill-tkat.org if you think this is you, and you would like to take up the offer if you haven't done so already. If you had already signed up, but no longer require them, could you also please let the office know.

We have had problems with our phonelines and messaging service this week (of all weeks!!) so please be reassured, your calls are not being ignored, but I would suggest that emailing office@themill-tkat.org will ensure your messages do get through.

TKAT schools will be shut from Friday 10th April to Monday 13th April over the bank holiday. We have also been advised that any virus bacteria should die off if it has had no contact for over 72 hours.

Finally, thank you for your words of support, thank yous and encouragement to our staff and school community this week.

Kind Regards

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