



Our Value for March is

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We have set up two additional mobile numbers this week. These phones will usually come through to myself or Mrs Dawes and are for safeguarding concerns. Please store the numbers in your phone as we may also be using them to call parents if we need to. If you are struggling and need some help, or are worried about another family from school, please do call us on 07742814635 / 07742827178

I don't think that the events of the last few weeks have fully sunk in yet. In a bizarre turn of events I have had to change from encouraging you all to bring your children to school every day, even if they are a little unwell, to actively discouraging you – because it is not safe.

The government advice remains clear, that every child who could be at home, should be. This includes the children of some key workers. If a key worker is working from home, or their non-key worker partner is working from home, then their child should be kept at home. Thankfully, we have seen the numbers of children in school reduce and therefore we are operating with minimal staff and minimal children. This has enabled me to reduce the number of contacts between different households and will hopefully enable us to stay safe and keep going for as long as possible to support those families that cannot manage without the childcare we are providing.

There have been a lot of posts on social media about 'home-schooling'. We prefer to think of it as home-learning and that is what we are promoting. Please don't feel the pressure to be sitting your children down to work for hours every day. Your children continue to need your love, care, understanding and reassurance. I'm sure like me, many of you are uncertain, a little scared and do not have the answers your children are looking for. Coronavirus is dominating our lives at the moment and your children will be influenced by that. Try to keep things at home calm and enjoyable. It is great if you can use the resources on our website to support your child in consolidating their learning, but many of the ideas, links and online resources also suggest very practical activities. Keeping up with basic reading, writing and maths skills will really help, but lots of exercise to help reduce the 'stuck at home' feeling will help too.

Many of you have managed to connect on Class Dojo, through the links that we have sent you. If you are struggling with this, or do not think you have received the email invite, you can download Class Dojo and then find the School and Class and request to join. Teachers will then accept you if they recognise you. On Class Dojo, teachers have been setting challenges, offering advice and pointing out other good sources of learning. Mrs Dawes and I have also sent a few messages, but will continue to use ParentMail and Newsletters to keep you as informed as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, you can message teachers using Dojo and ask for support – they will get back to you when they are able to.

We know that these are scary and uncertain times. Please remember that school is still here for you. Office emails are checked frequently and probably the best way to get in touch if things are not urgent as we are not always able to answer the phone. The school mobile number below should only be used by parents of children in school.

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Coronavirus (COVID-19): what you need to do

Stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

Staying at home and away from others (social distancing)

STAY AT HOME 

**PROTECT
THE NHS**

 **save
lives**

NHS

Do not leave home if you or someone you live with has either:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough

[Check the NHS website if you have symptoms](#)

The link below takes you to all of the government rules and advice regarding coronavirus.

It also explains how people who have been forced to stop working can seek help from their employer or for themselves if they are self employed.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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