

## BRONTË HOUSE SCHOOL

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## **Dear Parents**

I do hope that this letter finds your family safe and well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support provided to children with remote learning arrangements. We are acutely aware of the pressures that the current lockdown is creating in many households and of the difficulties that arise when balancing work commitments with children's needs.

The results from last week's Remote Learning Survey indicate that all Reception parents either agree or strongly agree with the statement that they are pleased with the current arrangements for off-site learning. This is testament to the creative talents of the Reception staff and the methods they are employing to engage the children in their learning. It also reinforces the excellent home-school partnerships that we enjoy with you, our parents, and we would like to thank you for your support.

We feel that we have the right combination of daily activities for our Reception children and we are not proposing significant changes. For some Reception children, the current expectations may be proving too much. Please do not allow learning activities to create unnecessary stress in your household. If you feel that your child has completed an appropriate volume of work on a given day, please do not feel pressure to complete more. We are keen to enthuse a love of learning in our youngest minds and do not want to jeopardise their sense of motivation and enjoyment by applying too much pressure too soon.

A new, 'live' activity via Zoom, will begin next week at 1:30pm. 'Fun Friday' will give the children and staff the opportunity to interact in a less-formal activity, focusing on wellbeing and finishing the week off on a high.

If you feel your child requires support with any aspect of their learning or wellbeing, Reception staff will be only too willing to assist you.

We remain optimistic that we will be able to welcome children back to school from the Prime Minister's suggested date of 8<sup>th</sup> March; though if this will comprise a full re-opening or limited year groups remains to be seen. We will update you with further information in due course.

With very best wishes for the final week of the half term,

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