

DRIFFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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A message to all those children who haven't been in school since March

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all keeping happy and well during this very strange lockdown period.

Firstly, I just wanted to say a huge **WELL DONE** to you all. I know that many of you have been doing a little bit of work most days, whether that be the work packs your teachers have put together, the wide range of activities you have been directed to on the school website or the online teaching from the Oak Academy/BBC Bitesize. Brilliant – well done! We are all very proud of you.



I do understand that some days it is hard to get motivated to do any school work so, on those days, I would ask that you at least do 15 minutes of reading (preferably to an adult) and some times-table practice or handwriting practice. You can always do a little more on the days when you are feeling more positive.

I have been very impressed to hear that lots of you have also been cooking, building things, doing art & craft activities, keeping fit by doing gymnastics/dance/Joe Wicks/going for long walks, gardening and so much more. All of this is learning too, and I'm sure that children will return to school with improved skills in many areas. Fantastic!

I'm also delighted that you have been keeping in touch with your friends and families; it's so important to maintain those contacts. Now that the lockdown restrictions have lifted a little, some of you are now able to spend more time with others. Hopefully it won't be too long until we will all be allowed even more freedom to socialise with people, as long as we do so safely.

The staff who have been ringing home to check that you are okay tell me that many of you are missing school, your friends and your teachers. Well let me tell you this, **we are missing you too**. School is just not the same without the buzz of lots of children, lots of activity, lots of chatter, lots of laughter and lots of smiles.



At the moment we do have quite a few children at school each day and it has been lovely to see them. They are enjoying being back even if they are not in a group with all of their friends and maybe not being taught by their own teacher. But still, DJS is a large school and we need you all back to fill it, to make it the wonderful school that we know it is. The day we re-open fully to all children will be the best day ever for us all, and the staff and I look forward to it enormously.



If you have any concerns or questions related to school or your work, you can ask your parents/carers to ring school or email us, and someone will do their best to help.

Childline is a wonderful resource for information and advice if you have any worries e.g. about bullying, feelings, friends, school home and families (and much more). You can access the website (www.childline.org.uk) or you can call 0800 1111.

For our year 6 pupils:

- We are still waiting for some of the hoodies to be delivered so as soon as they have arrived we will let you know that they can be collected.
- Please keep looking on the Driffield School website (year 6 transition section) for all the information you will need. There is also a facility on there to ask any questions.
- We know that this has been a particularly unusual and sad end to your time at DJS; we still hope to be able to do something to allow us to say a proper goodbye to you all at some point in the future. As yet though we can't make plans because we don't know what the Government's next steps will be.

Finally, to all children at DJS, I hope you and your families stay safe and well and you are able to make the most of the family time you have together. Be kind to each other, be understanding of each other's feelings and try to be stay positive.

Love to you all.

Mrs Laird

(N.B – for anyone who needs it, work pack 4 is available in school for collection)