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COVID-19 and Hawthorns School closure update

Dear Parent/Carer,

This challenging period for everybody continues, and things remain the same at school for the foreseeable future. The sharp increase in COVID-19 cases has now begun, led by London and The Midlands. Predictions are that this steep curve will start to happen in the North West region a little later, from around the Bank Holiday weekend and through the week after.

This period coming up is a really important time for our families to keep themselves isolated and safe. Please follow the guidance on social distancing and regular handwashing, and only make essential journeys out of your homes when absolutely necessary. We want the whole Hawthorns community to keep as safe as possible during this unprecedented threat.

I know being at home for such a long period of time has its challenges. Getting into a routine and building a structure to the day is crucial if you are to protect your family's mental health and well-being. If you need more advice on things to do please contact your class team. We are trying to keep in touch and check how you are doing, but also not trying to bombard you with 'stuff' so you are not overwhelmed. Certainly there is a lot of information and guidance floating around, sometimes conflicting and always changing, which creates confusion and mixed messages and doesn't necessarily help. We understand that this is a highly stressful period for you as families, and that it is important we don't keep adding to that by demanding too many things. All we ask is that you keep us in the loop with how things are going, you keep in touch with questions and requests for advice, and that you share with people some of the fun or positive experiences that may be happening during this time. We all have a responsibility to keep each other's spirits up if we can.

Despite the pressures and craziness of these times, you are all rolling your sleeves up and doing your bit. We recognise the huge effort the Hawthorns families and community are making. This effort and resilience from everyone will see us overcome the challenges we all face.

Keep up the good work everyone – you are truly amazing.

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