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Dear Parents/Carers

End of Term Letter- Easter 2020

Firstly, a huge thank you for your support and understanding during these unprecedented times. If you had told me 3 months ago, that I would be writing my end of term letter in this current situation, I would not have believed you.

Yet here we are, at the end of the second week of school closure. During this time, we have remained open to provide care for our Critical/Essential Key Worker families and are committed to continue this service for as long as possible. Frontline staff, including school staff, are putting themselves at risk to continue this service, so wherever possible, please continue stay at home. Thank you for following Government advice to date and trusting that we are making the right decisions for you, your child(ren) and our staff.

I wish to pay tribute to the Tor View Team, who have worked flexibly and selflessly to continue to provide outstanding care for those attending school and provided online learning activities for those children at home. This can be accessed via our media platforms; the school website, where you can find a class tile <http://torview.org/pupils/class-work> populated with appropriate work for your child's class; Facebook and Twitter.

Although it almost feels like a lifetime ago, I would like to take this opportunity to summarise achievements and events that took place before school closed:

- World Book Day, as ever, was a huge success, some amazing costumes!
- Ruby, our school therapy dog, commenced her official training.
- Our Parental Steps training received positive feedback from the attendees
- One of our Newly Qualified Teachers (NQT) successfully completed their NQT year.
- Learner representation from across school attended the first Trust Pupil Voice event at Anchorsholme Academy, Blackpool.
- Staff completed extensive Online Safeguarding Training
- Julia Dyer, the school's Advanced Sensory Integration Practitioner, visited twice, working with staff and pupils' school wide.
- We had an unannounced Food Hygiene Inspection and maintained our 5-star rating.

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- Our Year 9 pupils had their vaccinations.
- Our whole school (staff and pupils) Wellbeing group, organised activities to continue to promote a healthy and happy school
- We audited our Autism provision in readiness for our National Autism Society re-accreditation visit in the Summer term.
- Enterprise week still took place, despite not being the usual vibrant marketplace due to social distancing, pupils worked really hard and raised £150.

I would also like to share some current messages regarding our response to the Covid-19 Pandemic that we currently find ourselves in:

Message to our Pupils and Students

Hello All,

I know this is a difficult time for you, but please try and stay positive. I have received some fantastic photos and emails showing me how you are engaging with our home-schooling ideas. I am particularly impressed with your creativity in our Easter Hat competition. I have enjoyed reading your letters, in particular, those pupils in 3L who have shared your persuasive letters. The one asking me to reduce the school week to 4 days rather than 5, made me smile! It didn't take much to persuade me 😊

Message to Parents/Carers - Home Schooling

We understand that this is a very challenging time for our families, and we would not want you to feel under any additional pressure. Please use the resources we are sharing in a way that works for your own family and circumstances.

Academic work will not be provided over what would have been the Easter holidays, but teachers are providing fun, leisure and play ideas to keep your child engaged and entertained if you would like to use them.

Free School Meals

For the last 2 weeks, we have home delivered food packages for those families who are in receipt of free school meals. To ensure sustainability of this provision, we have signed up to the Government's eCard voucher scheme. This will commence after the Easter holidays and we will be in contact with the relevant families to finalise these arrangements.

Getting In Contact

(Shared via Groupcall, Facebook and Twitter on Wednesday 01.04.2020)



If you wish to contact your class teacher then please e-mail office@theviewtrust.org this will be checked each morning and passed onto the relevant teacher. Please understand that teachers are in short supply at the moment as many of them are symptomatic, dealing with vulnerable family members or are parents themselves and are trying to home educate their own children. Therefore, we are asking our teachers to make themselves available one day each week to respond to any email queries for their class. To safely staff the school over the Easter holiday for critical worker children i.e. Police, NHS and ambulance services we are unable to offer a teacher contact service over the two-week Easter break. However, to provide routine for the children we are advising our families to take a break and there is no expectation that you will do schoolwork with your child over this period. There are some fun activities available on our website. Thank you all for your amazing support over this very challenging period, we really appreciate your co-operation and understanding.

School Residential Trips

We are currently working with school trip providers to ensure that you are properly refunded for any activities you have paid for, which do not go ahead. As soon as we get confirmation that a trip is cancelled and refunded, we will start returning money to parents/carers.

Government Response for Covid-19

Please support your school community and follow the latest Government update.

We should only leave our homes for the following very limited purposes:

1. Shopping for essential food and medicines
2. One form of exercise a day (a walk, a run) alone or with members of your household only
3. For a medical need or to provide care or support for a vulnerable person
4. Travelling to and from work only if absolutely necessary

Finally, I would like to share my best wishes with our whole school community during these difficult times and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

On behalf of the Governors and staff, have a wonderful Spring break.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L A Parrish
Headteacher

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