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Dear Parents,

This is a time of great uncertainty and it is with sadness that I am writing this newsletter sitting in my office in an empty school. I will miss the contact with you over the next few weeks. The staff have worked hard on creating a system which I hope you will find supportive in providing learning for your children whilst the schools are closed to most pupils.

Over the next few weeks staff will update the daily learning areas. New plans will be available every day by 9am. Teachers will also be working on their learning plans and means of delivery may change over time. We will keep you updated with any new systems or approaches.

I have been in touch with many families over the last week and it has been a pleasure to talk to you all. I am receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback on the learning resources and ideas that are being loaded onto the website daily for you.

I am also, understandably, talking to families where the situation is creating a great deal of anxiety. Our daily lives have been turned upside down. In a very quick space of time we have had to create a completely new way of working. Change usually brings with it a significant amount of stress but as we adapt to our new routines we will begin to feel more comfortable. Please understand that we are providing what we believe is an appropriate amount of learning but, for some, this will be too much and, for a few, it may not be enough. Try and be flexible and take things slowly. Your child is learning that, for the time being, you are taking on the role of the teacher. This can cause a considerable amount of tension too. Small chunks of learning are always better than long spans of time. It is thought that 15 to 20 minutes is the ideal time for concentrating and beyond this is not productive. Generally, some sort of routine to your new day will help the family feel better.

You may also have to juggle the number of people needing to access the computer in your house and your own working hours too. All of the team here know that this is a hard ask. Your class teacher's email address is available to you and most school days I am in the office. Please get in touch if you need further support.

You are able to view some of the super learning going on by going to the home page on our website or following the link <https://tssfirs.co.uk/blog>



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Some of our partners have provided some excellent resources for use at home. Premier Sport who provide our PE coach on a Friday have sent the following link:

<https://www.premier-education.com/stay-active/>

This has useful information on keeping physically healthy during this challenging time.

Our Bible verse consultation has come to an end. After having taken feedback from parents, children, staff and governors I am pleased to announce that the chosen verse is:

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John Ch15 v12

As we face unprecedented changes to our lives, the verse seems to be more pertinent. I am continually grateful for the support and kind words that many of you feedback to the school. At this time of crisis, I have seen and heard many examples of great kindness. Thank you.

Thanks also go to the TSSSA team who worked hard to make sure that every child took home a gift for their mother last weekend. Those children who were not at school have had their gifts sent or delivered to their home. My thanks go to Sofia, Caroline, Dani and Katherine for all their help with this. Thank you also for the supportive and positive feedback we have received for negotiating our way through this rapidly changing situation.

I very much hope that during this time our Bible verse will truly come into play as I have seen so many times before and our community will grow even stronger.

Please see below for further information on the current situation.

Information for parents From the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is continually keeping its web pages up-to-date with the latest information and guidance for both residents and businesses. If you have queries in relation to local and national changes as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, please refer parents and carers to these pages:

[COVID19 resident update page](#)

[COVID19 business update page](#)

The most commonly asked questions relate to universal credit, and coronavirus support for employees, benefit claimants and businesses:

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-support-for-employees-benefit-claimants-and-businesses>



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The government is also now operating a new Whatsapp service:

To use the free [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) Coronavirus Information Service on WhatsApp, simply add 07860 064422 in your phone contacts and then message the word 'hi' in a WhatsApp message to get started.

A set of menu options is then presented which the user can choose from and then be sent relevant guidance from [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) pages as well as links to [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) for further information.

More information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-coronavirus-information-service-on-whatsapp>

I hope to remain in touch with as many of you as possible and I hope that you and your loved ones keep safe.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Louise Lovegrove'.

Louise Lovegrove



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