

**B:M**  
**2020**



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**Urmston**  
Primary School

*Dear Parents and Carers...despite the times, let's do our best to have an Optimistic October. <https://twitter.com/UrmstonPrimary>  
Have a lovely weekend from all the staff and governors at UPS...*

#### LEEWAY or DEADLINES?

*As you know, we've reviewed and updated our risk assessment, with two main changes this week, and there will no doubt be other adaptations too as we move through the year. We understand that some of you may have wanted clarification on when exactly the PE and book bag 'rules' come into place. Our letter stated that we'd start next week but this week is fine too if you're ready. We give this leeway for a reason—not everyone is in a position to make change immediately, no matter how seemingly small the change may be. If we'd like something definitively done by a particular date, we'll be sure to make that clear.*

#### WHATSAPP

*We regularly hear about parent WhatsApp groups, not the ins and outs, but that they exist as a means for parents and families to communicate. We think this is great! What we'd continue to really appreciate is if there are school-related issues that are raised, please do let us know so that we can address them. Communication is more important than ever at the moment and it's key to our success as a school community that we keep this going.*

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*We sent a letter home yesterday about BHM and the added importance that it has this year in particular, following the heightened awareness that people have considering the rise of the BLM movement. As we all know, Black History Month shouldn't even need to be a thing—incorporating the learning of all social and racial histories should be a given. But it isn't. We'll be using this month as a stimulus for other elements of our curriculum that will happen throughout the year and for some added background as to the issues and challenges that various groups of people face as well as celebrating the achievements of those who have gone the extra mile and have certainly 'been more' in standing up for what is right. We have seen activism at it's very best this summer, illustrated by Marcus Rashford's inspirational efforts to ensure thousands of children didn't go hungry, and although we need to teach our children to be respectful and responsible in what they think is right, we certainly need to arm them with the knowledge for them to build on in the future and make positive choices in making our society a fair and equitable one.*

*Please join us in our talk homework items this month in engaging our children in discussing such important issues.*

*<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curation/black-history-month> has some nice age-appropriate videos and there's a useful calendar too at <https://www.facebook.com/128966263780368/posts/3804493866227571/?extid=0&d=n>*

#### TALK HOMEWORK

This week's talk homework is intended to answer the following questions...

- 1) *'Who can you think of who is inspirational for standing up for what is right?'*
- 2) *Which of our school values did they show?*
- 3) *What would you have done in their situation?'*

#### C-19 Update

*We all know the situation at the moment. Please remain vigilant and respect others' levels of caution, particularly outside the gates where it can get crowded. Our awareness here and keeping socially distant where possible will not only help to keep any nastiness at bay but will help people's mental wellbeing too!*

BEING MORE...our school values are more important than ever at the moment so keep those examples of your children BEING MORE at home coming in. Also, here's our link to part of our BEE AWARD ASSEMBLY for this week...

<https://youtu.be/KqLDRpVgub4>

**NURSERY AND RECEPTION VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING...we haven't forgotten...to welcome our new parents (again, sorry we haven't been able to do this properly yet!), we'll be holding an Early Years Coffee morning soon, so, again, watch this space!**