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Urmston Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue with this abnormal year, we continue to be blessed by the efforts that your children are putting into their learning and their positive outlook. 'Catching up' (we use this term knowing full-well it isn't necessarily apt) academically is something that we'll continue to focus on over the course of the coming months—and years—and there will be a number of initiatives that we'll be sharing with you all at home on the part that you might play in supporting us with this.

Our teachers very much enjoyed the opportunity to speak to you all over the phone this week and we hope you found the 'parents evenings' useful, despite their limitations. Of course, if you feel you require any further info, do not hesitate to contact us.

Although there is a clear road map for our society coming out of lockdown, there is, as yet, no specific guidance on schools. At present, we are assuming that our own restrictions will be lifted on 23rd June, when all other social distancing measures are done for, and we very much look forward to having assemblies again and being less rigid with our timings, as we'd be lying if we said it hasn't restricted some of our practice. As we've mentioned before, we also look forward to the possibility of sports days, performances and all other school community get-togethers - the buzz and feel-good factors that these create are so important to our school atmosphere and enable our children to see the importance of togetherness.

Thank you, as always for your support and do keep talking to us.

Have a lovely (long) weekend and we'll see you on Tuesday.

From us all at UPS.

(PS—Please don't forget we have an inset day on Thursday so school is closed to pupils.)

'Being More'...Jayden and Oliver

'Being More' still remains an integral part of our school ethos and is all about being pro-active in making a difference through applying our school values. Please do let us know how your children have been more outside of school as it is always great to hear. Happiness, kindness, pride and resilience are integral to all that we do, but this week, it is the values of respect and responsibility that have been shown by two of our boys, Jayden and Oliver. They've been more by pro-actively making a positive difference to our environment when cleaning up our streets through litter-picking. It really is inspiring to see you spending your own time making our lives better boys. Thank you.

DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

Next week is Deaf Awareness Week. It gives us yet another opportunity to reflect on and respect our differences and it is essential for us as a school that we emphasise this to our children as we continue on our journey of inclusivity and belonging. We'll be reminding our children on this next week and we hope that you might too. Please go to

[https://](https://www.deafcouncil.org.uk/deaf-awareness-week/)

www.deafcouncil.org.uk/deaf-awareness-week/ where you'll see that the focus is on '*coming through this together.*'



BELONGING FORUM

We still require some volunteers to help us with our Belonging Forum. We welcome all contributors, but make a particular appeal to any of our Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic parents to come forward to help us. If you feel you can contribute in any way in helping us with this, please email:

belonging@urmstonprimaryschool.com or alternatively come and chat with Ms Ahle or Mr Doherty.



DON'T FORGET.....

Class photographs will take place next Wednesday 5th May. Please make sure that your children come to school in their school uniform on Wednesday. Say cheese!!!



Having been asked if I was the Dad in my house, I thought this may make you smile (plus we need to fill some space). Have a great weekend everyone!

