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Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again can I take the opportunity to thank you all for your support during this strange period. I really hope that we will be back to normal as soon as possible. I will continue to send a weekly newsletter during term time to keep you all as up to date as possible.

Contact with Teachers

As mentioned in my letter sent out on Wednesday, I have reactivated the class email accounts. I hope that these will serve as a really useful link between home and school. The teachers will be checking these regularly and will be able to answer any questions you have. We would love it if you can send in updates on how you are getting on at home. Sending in examples of completed work/activities would be great. A reminder of the email addresses:

Mrs Birley 3B@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk

Miss Record 3R@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk

Mr Hall 4H@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk

Mrs Foley 4F@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk

Mrs Clark 5C@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk

Mrs Day and Mrs Reeve 5DR@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk

Mrs McGhee 6M@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk

Mrs Ing 6I@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk

I am pleased to say that some pupils had emailed in within minutes of the letter going out on Wednesday!

Herts Music Service Update

Below is an update from HMS. We will keep you up to date as things progress

We are working as fast as we can to implement alternative ways to deliver musical provision - with options that work well and allow us to continue to deliver the high-quality music provision that is rightly expected of us in a safe way for all involved.

It's not straight forward to deploy the sort of system we need to deliver the high-quality and safe provision our communities rightly expect from us. However, based on the progress we've made so far we hope to be in a position to begin some delivery in the Summer Term. In a complex project like this, we all know - things can change. But, we have every reason to believe that we'll be back doing what we love in the Summer Term. As this is such a fast-paced environment, we will keep you informed as we make further progress and know more details.

As mentioned in our previous communication, we will not charge customers for lessons that are not delivered. Every effort will be made to rearrange events, lessons and/or group activities at a future date. However, due to the challenging and evolving nature of the situation we face, we don't yet know how possible this will be so please bear with us. But please be assured that if we are unable to rearrange then a refund will be issued.

We will keep you updated as the situation progresses. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to register your interest in online lessons then please email ask.hms@hertfordshire.gov.uk and state which school you currently attend.

Useful Websites

Whilst I am sure you are keen to minimise your child's exposure to screens during the school closure, here are some really useful websites for you to have a look at:

[Chester Zoo](#) – A fantastic range of resources, all of which have a suggested age, linked to zoology and ecology.

[Olaf Falafal](#) – Olaf is running weekly art lessons on his youtube channel. The first one is Monday 6th April at 11am.

[The British Museum](#) – The British Museum has set up virtual tours!



[Scouts](#) – Bear Grylls has helped The Scouts to come up with a suite of activities called ‘The Great Indoors’.

[Hit The Button](#) – Some fun online Maths games can be found here.

[Tring Team Parish](#) – Keep an eye on their YouTube channel where regular worship and other activities e.g. Palm Cross making are being posted.

[The Science Museum](#) – Some fun and engaging activities that you can do at home.

I was also signposted to the [National Theatre](#) site by Mrs Warhurst and Mrs Baker. They are currently allowing schools free access to live recordings. The login details are: **Username: 9Oc£7Yg+ and Password: 7Pv'9Jk-**
Please be aware that not all content will be suitable for primary aged children!

We will include this section each week as we find more useful sites. If you have discovered any, please send a link to admin@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk and we will share it with everyone.

Celebration

We would like to continue celebrating the children during closure. I am asking teachers to nominate a star of the week based on feedback or work sent in to the email addresses above. I will then pop a certificate in the post to those children. This will start after the Easter break.

Year 6 Hoodies

The Year 6 hoodies are coming along. We are in the process of doing a final check on artwork and spellings before they go into production. As soon as we receive them at school, we will get them out to our Year 6 pupils. I am sure that these will be happily received.

Parents’ Consultation Evening Arrangements

We are aware that Parents’ Consultation Evenings did not take place due to the school closure. The Senior Leadership Team is finalising plans for how to report to parents on pupil progress. It is highly likely that this will be in the form of a written report based on your child’s development and progress from September to March. Further details will follow ASAP.

I hope that you are all safe and well.

Mr Gary Stanley