

Bushey Heath Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to our very first remote summer term!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting the Office at admin@busheyheathjm.herts.sch.uk or by contacting your teacher using their email address.

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with Google Classroom and remaining open for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers.

We have decided not to provide a timetabled programme of live stream lessons via video link for a number of reasons:

- Safeguarding and data protection – video broadcasts create a number of issues regarding privacy and unfiltered access to staff and pupil homes.
- Accommodation – neither pupils nor teaching staff can guarantee to have private, uninterrupted time in the school week in which to have a lesson.
- Teaching Union Guidance – the major teaching unions have advised their members not to participate in live streaming lessons.

But just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term – so keep a close eye on our school [website](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#).

We also love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home – please keep sending their work in via email as we would like to showcase it on our social media platforms in due course.

If you need physical resources to support your child's home learning, then please feel free to collect a pack from the school foyer. If you need additional stationery, please email the school and we will prepare a pack for collection.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

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What I can say is: I miss the children, I miss our staff and I miss our wonderful, vibrant school being open.

We are currently working to ensure that when our children do return the environment will be as safe, as welcoming and as happy as possible.

Take care, stay safe and we will see you soon.

Warm regards

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