



## Hillside First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all managed to have a break over the Easter holidays and had time to relax, laugh and spend time with your immediate family. Staff at Hillside have been thinking of all the children, as well as looking after the children of critical workers and have enjoyed receiving updates through various means.

As we head in to the summer term, I wanted to let you know what we have been doing in regards to home learning. We have had many discussions with the other schools in WAT and want to have a common approach to home learning. As we do not know how long the schools will be closed, we need to think about how we can best support your child's learning at home without putting undue pressure on you as parents/carers.

After Easter we will begin to introduce some new topics so that children do not fall behind in their learning. Staff at Hillside are committed to making the learning they set fun, relevant and beneficial to your child. This is all supported by the home learning helpline, which is there for you to ask any questions you may have about the tasks. Weekly home learning will be set again from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Over the next few weeks, teachers will be calling home to speak to families to check on how you are doing. They are looking forward to hearing the children's voices and catching up. Some staff will be calling from their homes and for safeguarding reasons will use the number withheld feature.

Our website continues to have numerous links to educational sites and resources but also to ELSA and wellbeing advice. These are available for you to ensure that you and your child are getting the emotional support that you may need at this difficult time. We appreciate that just staying at home all day, every day can in itself be a challenge. Please do take a moment to have a look at the information available to you as it may provide some much needed help.

Once again, we send our thanks to each and every one of you for playing your part in our nations fight against this virus. Hopefully, we will be able to get back to some kind of normality soon and we are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school. In the meantime, please stay safe.

Kind regards

**Jeremy Harrison**

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