



14th May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I apologise to keep bombarding you with emails but it is that time of the week again when I write to update you on events at the Willows.

I hope you have begun to enjoy some of the limited lifting of restrictions of the lock down. I have to admit it is great to be able to get outside and exercise more than once a day. I know that a number of you are returning to your place of work as the demand for key worker child care places at school has risen. It has been lovely to see a few more of our Willows family and welcome them back into our community.

This week we had 'International Nurses Day'. I know we have many parents who are nurses and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for everything you do in our hospitals and communities, especially during this current crisis. It makes me very proud whenever I hear of a past pupil taking up the profession and who knows some of our current pupils may follow in their footsteps too.

The Prime Minister's announcement of the possible phased return to schools in June 2020 has kept us busy with reading, thinking and planning. I hope you received my email regarding this yesterday. Thank you to those who have replied already. Please do email your reply slips to school as soon as you can to help inform our decision making.

Our top priority if and when we reopen school will of course be safety alongside caring for our children and their mental well being. Next week is Mental Health Awareness week, this will be a focus of my 'Thought for the day' found at <https://www.willowstimperley.co.uk/mrs-warrens-page/> as well the creative tasks set by teachers daily on the children's class pages. More information of the national agenda can be found at <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

Our school educational psychologist has informed us of a new Facebook page which promotes well being resources for parents as well as the facility to book phone-ins with Trafford's Educational Psychologist service, if parents would like support from an Educational Psychologist. <https://www.facebook.com/Trafford-Educational-Psychology-Service-101008488254211/> There are plans afoot for webinars too. There are also lots of links parents on the local offer site with a focus on well being resources.

https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/trafford/fsd/files/educational_psychology_local_of_fer_support_toolkit.docx

Next week is the final week of this half of term!! We 'break up' on Friday 22nd May 2020 for the two week Whit holiday, therefore we would like you, the children and the teachers to have a rest from home learning so no tasks will be set during this time. However, I will still keep posting my 'Thought for the Day' on Mrs Warren's page on the class page of the website.

<https://www.willowstimperley.co.uk/mrs-warrens-page/> We appreciate that it has been a long time



since the children saw their teachers so Mr Byrne is looking into ways of how we can connect with the children through some kind of 'video' call. More details will be sent out as soon as we have ensured all online safety measures can be met and devised how this will work.

I'll close by encouraging you all to still stay at home as much as possible. We desperately want to be able to open school on 8th June 2020 and this will only take place if a second spike in the infection rate is avoided. As always I hope you stay well and happy. Take care of yourselves and each other.

Mrs Warren