



Update from Mr Brearey 24.4.2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a restful (!) and enjoyable Easter break and hope that the first week back to 'home-learning' has not proved too challenging? I know both schools are working extremely hard to make things as useful and supportive as possible. Please do contact class teachers, or me, should you have any issues or be experiencing problems with any of the home-learning offerings from each class.

As you will note, I have decided to write to both sets of parents at the same time using our Oak Meadow Federation headed paper as I felt it would be appropriate to do so in the current circumstances.

Home-learning expectations

Both schools recommend that all children working at home engage with home learning of some kind for the following periods:

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - 1 hour of focused work per day (please spread this out over the day to make this a manageable as possible).
- Year 3 to year 6 - 2 hours of focused work per day (again, please spread this out over the day to make this a manageable as possible).

Remember, these are just guidelines! You know your children best about what they can and cannot cope with. This is what our teachers will be planning for.

No return date as yet!

It is clear that the government have yet to fix upon a clear timetable about how or when schools will return. It seems highly unlikely that the return date will be before the May half term and increasingly unlikely that there will be one after that time too. Both schools really appreciate the challenges that this time has brought and hope that we can all get back to some sense of normality before the end of the academic year... watch this space!

Key Worker and Vulnerable child care

I have made the decision to combine both schools on the site of Brampton Abbots from this week onwards – until further notice. Both schools are continuing to offer in-school education for a small number of key worker and vulnerable families. I have been in contact with these families on a weekly basis to ensure we can offer suitable cover. Should you feel that your family qualifies for this care and you have yet to use this service, please contact me directly on: dbrearey@bramptonabbotts.hereford.sch.uk or reply directly to one of the school texts or emails and we will get in touch to arrange days and times.

Thank you all again for your continued support,

Mr Brearey
Headteacher