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**INTEGRATED CHILDREN
AND
FAMILY SERVICES**



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Dear Parents/Carers

Newsletter – April 2020

Welcome back after a very different Easter break. We hope that you are all well and getting on ok. We just have a couple of updates for you at the moment.

Learning so far

We are all greatly enjoying all the work, photographs and videos we have received so far, seeing everyone's faces is really brightening up our days. We hope you continue to enjoy the lovely weather we have been getting and taking your learning outdoors. As time progresses we are sure that you will think of new and interesting ways to share your learning.

Home Learning

We have been listening to the feedback we have received so far. We are also waiting for feedback from the city survey that closes next week. We are going to make some small adjustments to the format of the learning grids to support what you are doing at home and hopefully make things easier for you. We would encourage you to continue to help your children engage with the learning activities we are sending out and send them back to their teacher when you can. I want to stress that we do understand that individual family circumstances can mean that this can be very challenging at times. Do what works for you and your family. In addition, please be aware that staff are also managing their own family circumstances and some are also working in hub schools, this means that, at times, feedback may not always be immediate.

Contact

As part of the local authority safeguarding procedure, we are required to have regular contact with pupils/families in the same way we would have if the pupils were in school. We appreciate that this can be challenging under the current circumstances. A pupil sending completed tasks to their teacher or responding to a message from their teacher counts as contact. If we have had no work uploaded or spoken to you or your child we may send out a text message that you will be able to respond to just to let us know that everything is ok. Please respond if you receive one of these messages as if we don't get a reply we have to follow that up. I hope that you appreciate that we are doing this to make sure that everyone is safe and well under these circumstances. Thank you for your support in this.

Transition

We would like to reassure parents that we are discussing arrangements for our new P1 pupils and P7 transition to ensure we can prepare the pupils in as much as we can during these unprecedented times.

Dates to remember

Just a quick reminder that Thursday the 7th May is an INSET day and Friday 8th May is a holiday so the learning grids for that week will reflect this.

If you have any other questions or concerns please send these to the school closure email: ferryhillstaff@gmail.com

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of everyone at Ferryhill