

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors,

I hope you managed to enjoy some sunshine and positive family time yesterday, even though it probably wasn't the Mother's Day you had originally planned.

We have eight children in school at the time of writing, so have moved from the plan of teaching in year groups to teaching in two groups today (4 Y2 in one classroom and 3 Y1+1 YR) in another. This will ease the staff rota slightly for later in the week, meaning that staff contact with pupils can be further reduced. Thank you to the key worker parents who have been in touch to advise us of their arrangements. We are very much taking things one day at a time at present.

Hopefully you have seen today's planning on our website and made a start on today's tasks. Thank you to all teachers for providing the clear guidance. Do take a look at today's assembly on youtube, with the theme of connections. Ironically, in this unprecedented and crazy time, the school seems more connected to its community than ever before. Staff are in touch via WhatsApp, with information exchanged regularly and parents have been emailing in with updates and thanks. Tom Rainer, our chair of Governors visited on Friday and has been in touch with our board.

Surrey County Council have provided useful information on their response to COVID-19. The response will be managed by Surrey's Strategic Co-ordinating Group who have developed a three phase approach:

Phase 1 = This week and next

Phase 2 = Easter Holidays

Phase 3 = Summer Term

We had been thinking along those lines at Farncombe and look forward to further guidance coming our way though the next few days. Today's *modus operandi* will ideally continue for the next fortnight. Keep checking the school website each morning for tasks.

At present it is clear that we will not have capacity to open our site during the Easter holidays. If you are a key worker and need childcare, please email the office and we will do our best to signpost you towards alternative provision within the Godalming Learning Partnership.

Looking ahead to beyond Easter is probably unwise at this stage. I personally hope that we will be able to vary between strict and lenient safety measures next term, but will obviously wait and see what advice is provided by the government. It may be the time to investigate new technology, although I am dubious about how effective Zoom etc. is with infant school pupils.

I will email again later in the week.

Best Regards,

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