

Andreas School

Andreas Village

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Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you are all well and finding positive ways to cope with our current situation. The home learning that has been shared is great so please keep sending it as it helps to hold us together as a community. Just email it to enquiries@andreas.sch.im. Thanks.

As you are now aware, the lockdown has been extended until May 15th. Whilst this news is not unexpected, I'm sure we all hoped we would be back to normal after Easter. I just want to take this opportunity to reassure you if you have any concerns about your child's education.

Once we are back at school, the teachers will spend time reviewing previous learning as children are bound to have become a little 'rusty' during the break and will need time to find their feet again. We will then teach as we always do, by building on and developing skills your child already has. We always endeavour to cater for children as individuals and this won't change. Children are remarkably resilient and will bounce back quickly but it is important that we make sure they don't feel they've missed anything. Everyone is in the same situation and hopefully within a week it will be like they were never off at all! If you have any concerns or questions regarding the transition back to school please email me directly at trish.dudley@sch.im.

Regarding year 6 transition to secondary school, please rest assured that appropriate provision will be put in place to make sure each child leaves Andreas confident and ready for their time at RGS. Again, if you have any concerns or questions, email me directly.

If you have a child starting Andreas this year, a separate letter will be sent out to inform you of the transition events which will help your little one start happily with us in September. Again contact me if you need to.

With regards to attendance at the hub school, please only use it if you really have to. Whilst the staff are doing an incredible job, the reality of the situation is we simply can't keep your child as safe as they would be at home.

My first year as head teacher has been interrupted in a way nobody could possibly predict. However, I am delighted to be part of such a strong community and look forward to seeing you all again, hopefully soon. Take care of yourselves and each other.

Stay home. Stay safe.

Trish Dudley

Headteacher