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Dear Parents & Children

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to our very first remote summer term!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time. Teachers have continued to work through the Easter break, preparing work for your children and moving forward on how this can be shared with the children over the coming weeks.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting their class teacher via the class email accounts or the main admin email account. Any messages to myself will be passed on using this method. These are checked regularly and someone will get back to you.

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with the current situation until we are instructed otherwise. We will continue to provide home learning for the children and will open for children of key workers if needed. Please remember if you are a key worker and need the school to be open for your child, we have set up a system of booking these slots using the Parent Evening booking system. If this is not possible, then please email Mrs Atkins on admin@urchfont.wilts.sch.uk. A previous letter detailed this and is available to read on the Coronavirus page on the school website. This page also includes all letters from the school on this subject and other key information.

But just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the next few weeks of the summer term – so keep a close eye on the Class pages of the school website initially. Each class has new work for the first week of term already uploaded. We are moving to a Virtual Learning Platform called Google Classroom with Owls trialing this new system with it being rolled out to the other classes the following week (hopefully). This will allow the teachers to upload not just work for the children but short videos and more detailed Powerpoints to explain in greater detail the work set. A letter will be sent to you explaining this and what you need to do to set this up for your child/ren. If you have difficulty with this, please contact us and we will try and help you.

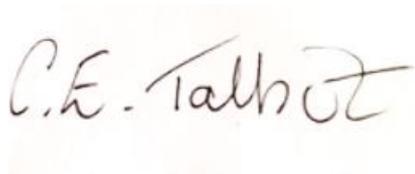


We also love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home – please send their work to school via email. This may be done by perhaps taking a photograph or scanning their work. Otherwise, please keep their work and return it to school when we reopen. When we have Google Classroom set up fully the children will be able to upload work back to the teacher. It will be lovely to showcase their home learning around the school in due course.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

Let's get cracking with our summer term and please keep safe!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C.E. Talbot". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the sender.

Mrs CE Talbot
Head Teacher

