



## Woodborough Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Stakeholders,

As I sit at home writing to you I can hardly believe that, over the past few years, we have seen both the use of nerve agent in our vicinity and now a global pandemic that is having a major national and international impact.

I know that Mrs Brewis and her team are in direct and frequent communication with you and I recognise that this situation is testing everyone to the limits and beyond. Our children were not ready for this situation and they have had the normal routine of life disrupted, which is a challenging event for them and you. The school is endeavouring to provide as much support as possible, tailored to each child's needs. I have personally attended a school staff meeting and witnessed first-hand the thought, care and attention to detail that went into the preparations for this unprecedented (at least in my memory) closure of the school system. I am also in routine contact with Mrs Brewis and I am hence sighted on the additional work load this situation is placing on our school staff, as it is all front line key workers. Nationally our teaching staff are providing a foundation to the response which allows essential services (e.g. the NHS) to deliver capability at full strength. Without that strong foundation those critical services would not be positioned to deliver at this time of national need. In addition our teachers and school workers are charged with maintaining delivery of education without direct contact; a challenge in anyone's view. As parents we are all worried about the impact this situation is having on our children, the longer the situation extends the more that impact is felt. I wanted to re-iterate a point Mrs Brewis has made previously; our professional teaching staff will be able to deal with differences in child progress once normality is restored. While easy to say, please do your best and try not to worry about how much progress children are making during this time.

I know that you will want to join me in saying thank you to the Woodborough School staff as they strive to deliver education in a completely novel setting. I also want to say thank you to all of our parents, carers and stakeholders some of whom have already sent messages of support and who continue to help and enable us to deliver against our objectives. Please do keep faith with us, this situation will end and we will again fill the school with the sounds of learning children. In the meantime your support and understanding is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely

Tim Atkins, Chair, Woodborough School Governing Body.