



## Abbey School

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Dear Parents/Carer,

I wanted to write to you all to wish you a very Happy Easter break. I know this year is a bizarre one with the problems we are facing not only in our Country but all over the world. To the families of younger children it certainly doesn't feel like a break keeping them at home. However, please remember while ever you are doing this with the risks and challenges that we all face, you are keeping your children and your family safe from this terrible virus. For those of you who have already lost loved ones in extended family across the world my heart is breaking for you but please know you are in our thoughts and prayers at this awful time.

I know many of you have tried to put some sort of routine into your child's life whilst they are not physically in school, I really admire this as it is something I personally have struggled with and know a lot of the staff between working from home and home learning have too. There have been some wonderful examples of children cooking, cleaning, busy in the garden, handwritten work that you have shared with us. This has definitely uplifted the whole team at this difficult time.

We are looking into ways in which learning can be better used for you as families and shared with class teams over Easter so please keep an eye on the website for more information. I have instructed the staff to take a break from their school roles over the 2 week Easter holiday so that they too can find some routine and 'normality' in their own family life during this period... for my 2 it will be catching up on the school work! As you will all know we still have no definite answer as to when life will return to normal so we are working hard to cover as many bases as possible to help you whilst your children are at home.

Remember whilst we all go through this difficult experience, your mental health and happiness is the most important thing to focus on. I wanted to therefore remind you that it is ok to have good or bad days, its ok to cry about nothing and everything, It's ok to find this hard even when you know there are people out there who face even worse circumstances. It's also ok to feel frustrated, anxious and scared. The fact you are 'feeling' is the key to this. There isn't a right way or wrong way to deal with what we are currently facing. So take each day one at a time until we find ourselves back to what we remember was 'normal' life.

Have a wonderful Easter with your fabulous children and I hope to see you all safe very soon.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Windle

Executive Headteacher

