

# The FenHil News

'Respect, Honesty, Kindness and Collaboration'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy VE Day!

Today marks 75 years since the Second World War ended in Europe. I am not sure that anyone could have anticipated us facing our own struggles this year, in a very different manner to what our country did in 1945.

I have enjoyed talking to more and more parents this week, you are all doing a fantastic job and remember – we can catch the children up academically whenever they come back to us. Your main focus should be making sure your children are as happy as they can be and give them time to talk if they are worried or want to ask questions. In order to keep them safe we have taken away everything they deem normal. Contact with other children, wider family members and learning in a classroom with other learners to bounce ideas around with. Whilst in this situation we are also asking them to do work. We will know ourselves that it is extremely hard to produce high quality work when we are stressed so it must be very hard for our children. Be kind to yourselves and your families. We will pick educating your children up when they come back to school. For now, do a little bit each day – if Google Classroom helps you to structure your day then great. If sometimes you just need to take a step back and watch a film as a family or just the children so that you can focus on your own jobs, then that is fine. We are all in this together, we are all struggling with the new normal. Do what you feel is right for your family and we will support you where we can.

## **Reopening Plans**

There has been much speculation in the media this week about reopening schools and what that will look like, which is very unhelpful. The truth is that, until Boris speaks on Sunday we do not know what the plans are. The Local Authority are working very hard to produce guidance for us and for you as parents as to what school will look like when we reopen. I ask for your patience at this time, I will send you the information I have as soon as I have it and can share it. Please rest assured that we

will be placing safety first and adhering to all guidelines that we are given. I will have more information for you next week, I ask that you sit tight and refrain from speculation until then, as each school will be operating a different system and the Governors and I will be doing what is right for our community.

## **Early Intervention Family Worker**

Jane Rogers, our Early Intervention Family worker continues to update you with strategies to help you manage at home, it is attached to this newsletter.

## **Internet Survey**

We would like to survey what resources you have available to you at home. We have had a very high level of engagement on our online platform, which is great. It would be good to gauge a true picture of what you have/what you need. So that we can support where needed. Please fill out at your earliest convenience and by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**<https://forms.gle/t4K6DXzDEYjVFt5H8>**

## **Finally...**

Stay safe and look after yourselves, have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Claire Worth, Headteacher