



# Ravenshall

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Dear Parents and Carers

It's definitely an unusual and challenging time for everyone at the moment. I hope that you and your family are keeping safe and adjusting well in these difficult circumstances.

I wanted to get in touch with all our families to explain our approaches as a school to the various issues which we have had to deal with; what we are expecting from you and your children and importantly, what you can expect from us.

Ravenshall's amazing staff team have been working hard to make sure that we can continue to provide both education for your children and support for you as a family. I know that this has been particularly successful when I read the comments from teachers following their weekly contact calls.

I am delighted that many families are sharing what they are doing together at home. I've seen photographs of lots of fun activities you are doing as a family, you've shared videos of some pretty impressive garden exercise routines and it looks like a lot of our students are getting stuck into the raft of learning activities and programmes which teachers are recommending to you. Well done!

Thank you too for being so understanding regarding some of the delays and frustrations with the free school meal vouchers. I am now hearing that all the issues have been dealt with, but if you continue to experience problems do get in touch with us as quickly as you can.

I hope that you can understand that we can't deliver the same sort of education we do when the school is fully open, but your child will get back on track when things return to some kind of normality. Similarly, whilst we try to ensure that EHCP reviews and other key meetings continue to happen, some adjustments have had to be made to accommodate the government's guidelines and advice about social distancing, staffing ratios and recognition of staff roles and workloads.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully. There is intense media speculation surrounding when schools will reopen to more pupils however, we know that any return must be led by evidence of when it is safe to do so; that is, when it's safe for children, safe for parents, safe for staff and safe for the wider community.

Finally, may I extend my sincere thanks to all our families, our professional colleagues from other agencies, the Local Authority, Ravenshall School's Governors, pupils, staff and the whole school community for all the support we've received so far. It is much appreciated.

Kind Regards

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