



20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

If your child is in school today they should have been sent home with

- Blank exercise books
- Pens
- Pencils

If your child is not in school today, these will be available to collect on Monday. They will be left outside in lidded boxes for you.

On Monday, we will upload to the website some activities that you can do with your children. These will be a mixture of activities that can be downloaded and printed (if you are able to) or could be completed working from the screen. If you are not able to print and would like paper copies please email [head@boxgrove.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:head@boxgrove.w-sussex.sch.uk) and we will print them for you and again they will be available from outside the front of school. This is a new way of working for you and for us. Please bear with us as we work out the best ways to help you support your child at home. What we provide may change over time as we discover what works best.

If you are coming to collect anything, please wait until we email to say that they are ready for collection.

If there are any questions regarding work that has been set, please do email and ask using the above email address. I will aim to answer your query as soon as I can but please remember that I may need to talk with the class teacher before getting back to you and we will also be responsible for the children of key workers during this time.

Although it is right that we ask you to support your child to continue their education, can I also encourage you to spend this time getting involved in special activities with your children. Use this shared time at home to take part in art activities, cookery, gardening and craft activities with your children. Encourage them to write letters that can be posted to relatives, neighbours and friends that may be self-isolating alone. The special individualised activities that parents and carers can plan for their children will be so worthwhile. Make these difficult times memorable for your families.



For those families with children in year 6, we will find a way to ensure the end of your child's time at Boxgrove is marked in special ways – even if this is not in this academic year.

I could have had no idea when I took up the headship of this school, quite what lay ahead, but it has been a pleasure to have been able get to know you all and your families. I look forward to seeing you all again before too long.

The way ahead may be uncertain but the staff and I all wish you the best. Isaiah 41 verse 10 says: -

*'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.'*

Wishing you all well over the coming weeks and months.

Jacqui Dommett and the Boxgrove Team