





## Together we can make a difference

Friday 24th April 2020

Dear Parent and Carers,

We are now two weeks into a hugely different Summer term than the one we had planned and a month into lockdown.

We hope over Easter you found some joy and hope and have managed to have some time in the glorious sunshine this week.

We have all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you are doing supporting your children during this time. We have seen so many positive messages in reaction to the home learning.

Please remember that this is a strange and challenging time for everyone and, most importantly, we need to look after you and your child's mental health. There will be times when you and your child feel wobbly and worried. Please be assured that this is a natural and human reaction to the challenges we are facing. Remember that our school community is here for you. There will be days when your child can't settle to learning, so go with the flow, have a break, do fun things and, if you are able to, spend some time outside. Connecting to nature is vital for all of us during this time. Come back to the learning when your child is ready. Your child's well-being is the most important in this. Learning will follow.

If have any concerns, however small, about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting your child's class teacher, emailing me or phoning the school. We have now put a wellbeing tab on our websites so please look there as well for support at this time. We will also be sending out some wellbeing resources via our Facebook pages.

We all miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. At present we continuing to be open for critical workers and vulnerable families as in the government guidelines.

But just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't connect. We are still part of St Mary's school community! Please take a moment to share in our daily reflection on our Facebook pages or the school website. We would love to see any responses. We also love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home and the activities you have been taking part in. Please keep sending their work in via eschools, email or sharing photos onto Facebook pages. We would like to showcase it at some point. Watch this space!

At the moment we can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but we are starting to plan for this and think about what we will need to do to support the children, you and the staff when we come out of this crisis.

Please keep safe and well, look after each other and remember we are here to help.

Warmest regards,

Hilary Tyreman, head teacher An Baya Primary Schools







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