



**DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**
Every Day, a Learning Journey

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Message from Mrs Parkes

What a strange and challenging week it has been! I have missed seeing my staff and children more than I could ever have imagined. Working from home is not much fun, especially along with all the other constraints that are placed upon us at this time.

Can I say a huge thank you to the staff who have been in school this week, looking after our critical worker children, planning and organising activities to keep them busy and entertained. The children have behaved wonderfully under very strange routines and guidelines—a far cry from what we usually promote in school. If you are a critical worker—thank you for all that you are doing too!

Well done parents and carers—you have survived your first week at home with your children! I know that for some this has been more challenging than for others, those trying to work from home and occupy your children—I feel your pain! However, I'm sure like mine, many of our children have risen to the challenges of home schooling and been very busy this week, doing tasks set by their class teachers, keeping themselves active, being creative and maybe learning new skills along the way. Remember, although we have tried to give you a wealth of information and are setting a weekly newsletter for each class, we do not expect you to complete everything, what ever you can do to keep your child's body and mind active is a bonus during these trying times. Yes we would like them to read every day, do a maths and English activity if they can but the newsletters are designed for you to pick and choose from and as we have already shared with you, there is a lot more out there that parents can access for their children.

The newsletters will be emailed and put on the school website. Can I remind you that staff cannot reply to individual queries or messages at this time but will be dropping in the odd comment and acknowledgement next to your children's work that is completed on line.

Remember everyone to look after your mental health and wellbeing, it is so hard not to be with friends and family at this time—so phone them, send a message, video call or even write them a letter. Try to keep in touch the best that you can. If you are struggling please seek help.

Please keep safe everyone.

Coronavirus Update

We are living in exceptional times which are beyond what any of us have ever experienced before. As a school we will continue to share any information that we receive which may be of use to you. School continues, at present, to be open only to the children of critical workers who can't look after their children at home.

Please see a leaflet on the next page we have been asked to share with you.

Upcoming dates for your diary

03/04/20—Break up for Easter Holiday

20/04/20—School reopens for critical worker children only

CLUBS THIS HALF TERM

Monday—

Tuesday—

Wednesday—

Wednesday—

Friday—

ATTENDANCE

Wrens %

Robins (1) %

Robins (2) %

Owls (3) %



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Covid-19: Children's Centres

Have you got children
0 - 19yrs & need to
talk to someone?



You can call us on the
following numbers
9am until 4pm,
Monday to Friday:

Bromsgrove Families: 07943 832294

Redditch Families: 07506 554297

Families can contact us for any advice needed, including food banks, nursery funding, parenting advice, Health Visitor advice or general enquiries.

Help us to reduce the spread of Coronavirus & call us for a chat instead of coming to our Children's Centres. Many thanks & stay safe.

