

# King Athelstan Primary School

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Dear King Athelstan pupils,

We really miss you! We miss your happy "good mornings" when you arrive at the school gate; hearing your news; seeing your amazing work; watching you learn and play. Thank you for staying safe at home with your families and following the government's strict rules. If everyone follows the rules then more people will stay healthy and things will get back to normal faster.

We are looking forward to seeing you again when it is safe to open schools. We don't know when this will be but remember that we are thinking about you every day and wondering what you are up to and how you are.

We know you will have grown by the time we get back to school, some of you will have had a birthday and lots of us will have longer hair!

There are a few changes that have happened at school since most of you were last here:

- Mr Porter has started his new job as the Headteacher of Darell Primary School in Richmond. Don't worry - he will come back for a special assembly to see you all and say goodbye to everyone.
- Mrs Mastrocola has started as our new Deputy Headteacher. She is really excited about meeting you all. She is getting to know her way around the school and is finding out lots about our King Athelstan family. Mrs Mastrocola will be fantastic at helping us all to make our school excellent.
- Mrs Ahearn has become the Assistant Head (Assessment, Learning and Teaching). Her role is a bit like Miss Govan's, but with different jobs to do. Mrs Ahearn is part of our Senior Leadership Team and will also be helping our school to keep improving. I expect lots of you have been doing video calling your family and friends - Mrs Ahearn had to do her interview by video call with four people asking her really tricky questions!

I hope you have spent time with your families: talking, playing games, learning, trying out new skills, reading and exercising. Have any of you tried the sock game that we told you about in our last letter? If you have really good ideas of things that other families might like to do, then please ask your parents/carers to email your ideas to the school email address at the top of the letter.

One of the things you could do is make a "to do list." Write down as many different things to do as you can think of (these could be learning, reading, chores around your home to help out your family, drawing, tidying something in your bedroom, different games) and then when you can't think of something to do, you can check your list and choose something. Make sure you ask an adult to check your list.

Remember to keep doing your random acts of kindness - it is a difficult time for everyone and doing kind things can make other people you live with feel happy. Why don't you write a lovely message or draw a picture and leave it on someone's pillow? They will have a lovely surprise when they go to bed!

Keep being brave and strong - you are part of our King Athelstan family. Together we will get through this challenge and be back together having fun again in the future.

Take care,

Miss Newton and all the staff at King Athelstan

