



Denmead Junior School

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Dear children,

This is not an easy letter to write and it is done with deep sadness.

On Wednesday, the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, told us that all schools will be closing across the whole country from today for most children due to the coronavirus. The coronavirus is a really nasty virus and has changed lots of things around us.

Some children have mums and dads who work in jobs such as in the hospitals, the police force and emergency services, and in shops delivering food and they will still have to come to school where we can look after them while their parents go to work. There are also some children who are vulnerable who will also need to be at school if there are enough adults to look after them. Those children will be back in the school building on Monday.

From what the Prime Minister has said, it will be a long time until school opens again. Nothing like this has ever happened in my lifetime. This means that lots of you will need to carry on learning at home - a new kind of DJS school, a DJS home school! Two times a week, we will upload home learning for you on the school website. This will include activities in reading, writing and maths. We are also creating a brand new home learning project for you called 'Spirit of the Community' to work on with your families. Remember too, your planning today on what new skill we have each challenged ourselves to learn. Read for pleasure as much as you can and lose yourself in the world of the book.

You will all need to take some responsibility for your learning and work hard. Please remember that you may be at home but you are still Denmead Junior School children so please make us proud of you.

I know that this will be a very difficult time for everyone. I know it will be difficult for all of the children because you are brilliant, conscientious and will miss being with your friends and staff at school.

Remember to act with kindness to everyone (and to yourself) and try whenever possible to be a 2%er!

Yours sincerely,

Elaine Viner

Head Teacher

