

A message from Mr. Knibbs

Firstly, I would like to say Ramadan Mubarak to all of those parents and families who will be observing the holy month. I hope that it brings you much peace and happiness at this time.

It's now been 7 weeks since we were at school and although we are not seeing you all, you are all in our thoughts and we send our well wishes to you all in the hope that you are safe and well. It has been a challenging time for everyone so it's okay if you are finding things difficult.

The entire team at Highfield are missing the children and look forward to welcoming them back. This can only happen once the government deem it safe to do so. We hope that this is sooner rather than later. In the meantime, we will continue to support you all as we have been throughout the closure. The calls from staff will continue. I know that lots of you and your children have enjoyed speaking to school staff—we've really enjoyed talking to you too. We have sent letters out to parents we haven't been able to speak to so please respond to the letters once you receive them: this will be via the schoolclosure@hifield.bham.sch.uk email address.

We will continue to keep you updated with any information regarding school reopening. In the meantime, I wish you all the very best and hope that you keep yourselves safe and well.

Take care and best wishes,

Mr. Knibbs

Home learning:

Lots of you have been asking for more work for your children to complete at home. In response to this, we have added a lot of new content for children in all year groups. We are continuing to review what is on the website and ensuring that it is purposeful and supportive to you and your children. In adding work, we are not trying to add pressure to any parents who are finding home-schooling challenging but instead are putting it there to support you if you need it.

We have recently added mandarin learning packs on the website so that children in Y3 and Y5 can continue with this area of learning alongside other curriculum areas. In addition to this, we have shared the links to the Oak National Academy where there are daily lessons for different curriculum areas that are delivered by teachers from across the country. There are also BBC bitesize links that have been shared too if you wish to use them.

We are aware that not everyone will be able to access or complete the online learning and understand the potential issues with this. To support with this, we have printed some paper packs that you are able to collect if you contact us via the email address above. A really important message that we wish to share is that we only expect you to do what you can whilst ensuring that your children and families are safe and well. Whilst your children are at home with you, there is a wealth of learning that they can undertake simply by reading, talking with family, playing games or helping with dinner and other things around the house.

Where can I find information at this time?



@hifieldji

Highfield website
www.hifield.bham.sch.uk

Contact email address
schoolclosure@hifield.bham.sch.uk

Please use the email address above for queries regarding places for children of keyworkers or FSM enquiries

Free School Meals:

The vast majority of parents have now received their vouchers from the company Edenred. These have been sent out to the email addresses that parents provided. Where issues have been identified, we have endeavoured to get your vouchers to you as soon as we possibly can. Thank you for your patience with this. If you believe that you are entitled to FSM, please ensure that you have completed the eligibility check as without this, unfortunately, we cannot arrange for them to be issued. If you need support with this, please look on the school website or contact us via the email address above.