

## MEREVALLEY FEDERATION

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you and your families are all well.

I am so pleased to see that nearly 100 of our children have taken part in the School Sports Challenge. I would like to thank our extremely pro-active PE team for inspiring up to 23 schools throughout MK to take part in the various challenges, during the next 19 weeks.

This is a note from Mrs White, ***“Our learning Mentors are working really hard during this uncertain time to support and safeguard our vulnerable children and their families, however they would like parents to know that they are available to support children and families remotely through telephone contact. Every day the school is open, a member of the pastoral team will be available in school. If parents or carers have any concerns about their child’s wellbeing or behaviour, please call the team through the school office, or email in via the [office@emersonvalley.org.uk](mailto:office@emersonvalley.org.uk) email address and mark for the attention of the Learning Mentors if you would like a call back, provide a working phone number.”***

On a totally different note, in regards to the Instrumental music lessons, they will recommence as soon as the school is open, in the meanwhile please encourage your child to practice. We know that a third of our children are accessing the online learning platform, nationally 30% of children are using online learning. I would like to thank all of you who are supporting your child/ren with their learning at home.

I would like to share with you, part of an article written by Paul Whiteman, “Teachers (nationally and internationally) have effectively rebuilt our education system from scratch in a matter of weeks, in response to a crisis deeper than has been experienced for generations. They have moved mountains in mere moments to support children, their families and their communities. Schools have remained open for the most vulnerable children and for the children of key workers. For those not at school, they have provided a rich mix of support and materials, both online and off. Providing materials is not the whole game, getting children to interact at a distance is a new discipline. Teaching is hard enough when a child is with you, as parents have discovered, but it’s a whole other order of complexity when they are not”

It is very reassuring to know that we are doing well and will carry on doing as much as possible to ensure that the children in our care are given the best possible provisions, I ask you please to support us by encouraging your child to read daily, to keep a diary, to practice the times tables and to join the Sports Challenge, and to practice their musical instrument, regularly.

Until we get back to the new normal, keep well, keep safe.

Mrs Mathison  
Executive Headteacher

