

# GEORGE ROMNEY JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear children,

Hello! It seems like such a long time since we were all together...lots of you will have heard the announcement in the news this week about schools having to stay closed to most children until **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March** at the earliest. I know for a lot of you this will be really disappointing for you to hear because you are missing seeing your friends and coming to school in the normal way. I also know that the adults in your house might be worried about this too, for lots of different reasons!

I hope that you have all been keeping safe and well 😊 It has been lovely to see you in the morning meetings you are having, I like to drop in and say hello, usually over Mr Rigg's shoulder! I have to say, when I talk to your mums, dads, carers and grandparents they are all really impressed with how well you are all working on TEAMS. Lots of you are really getting good at joining meetings, downloading and turning in tasks as well as sending chat messages to each other!!! One thing I have noticed is how kind and helpful you have been towards each other. Lots of children use the chat to send friendly messages and give compliments which is lovely – keep it up!

Lots of people on the TV and radio are talking about what a big problem it is that schools are having to stay closed for most children and I do agree...BUT the thing I would like to say to you all; is that although it is not ideal, so many of you are really doing a brilliant job with your learning and I love seeing the photos of your artwork, PE, walks and of course last weekend playing in the snow!!!



I hope you can remember the message I always give in assembly (remember those?) I always say that George Romney is not a building – our school is made up of the people in it – you!!! I like to think that although we are not together in the building; because you are all making such a big effort with your learning and with all the great help you are getting from the adults in your house, our school has 'grown' and we now have lots of new members in our school community 😊

I know how tough things are at the moment and that sometimes we have good days and bad days...that is totally NORMAL!!! Don't worry about it! I know from talking to my girls that although you can message friends and see them online – it is NOT the same...The best advice I can give you with this is to try to stay positive and enjoy the chats you can have whether it's in a game, on TEAMS, via social media or even the good old-fashioned telephone!

You could even start a new trend and write letters to each other!!!

I can't tell you when we will be back together here in school yet. It would be silly of me to make a promise I can't keep – so I won't!!! I can promise you that as soon as it is safe and we are allowed to, we will welcome you back with a BIG smile 😊

Until then, keep on trying with your home learning – you are doing a great job!!! Mrs Roberts keeps setting amazing art tasks; Mr Rigg loves to challenge you with his maths lessons; Mrs Dorsett is finding some super stories for you to study and Mrs Greaves is doing an amazing job of setting interesting investigations in science.

We miss you all and look forward to seeing you as soon as it is possible! Remember to look after everybody in your family – a good hug goes a long way these days!!!

Take care, stay safe,

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