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## Hope and Positivity



The summer term the theme is:

**Perseverance**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a successful first week back of the summer term and have enjoyed our second perseverance assembly. I know what a challenge it must be for you all to rise to the many variations of the home schooling programme. I am very impressed with some of the creative and resourceful educational projects you have been doing this week.

We have sent a variety of information and suggested timetables out for you as guidance and our teachers are engaging daily during specified times to support the pupils. These are guidance suggestions, you must find your own way of working that suits you and your family situation in the most effective way. Below is further information that was published this week to support you.

### **Supporting your children's education during coronavirus (COVID-19)**

New guidance published on 19th April 2020 provides information and support for parents and carers of children who are learning at home.

The guidance provides links to specific advice for children aged 2-4, at primary school, and with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Parents of secondary school children should contact their school for guidance until additional advice will be made available for them. It links to online educational resources and staying safe online, and provides links to mental health resources on how to support your children's wellbeing and to help you look after your own mental health.

To read the guidance please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

There is also further updated advice on exercising more than once a day if you have a medical condition or disability.

### **Additional exercise for children with medical conditions and disabilities**

The government has updated social distancing guidance in relation to exercise for people with significant health conditions and disabilities.

The guidance is entitled 'Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do' and can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

The guidance states the following:

#### ***Can I exercise more than once a day if I need to due to a significant health condition?***

*You can leave your home for medical need. If you (or a person in your care) have a specific health condition that requires you to leave the home to maintain your health - including if that involves travel beyond your local area - then you can do so. This could, for example, include where individuals with **learning disabilities or autism** require specific exercise in an open space two or three times each day - ideally in line with a care plan agreed with a medical professional. Even in such cases, in order to reduce the spread of infection and protect those exercising, travel outside of the home should be limited, as close to your local area as possible, and you should remain at least 2 metres apart from anyone who is not a member of your household or a carer at all times.*

We will write to specifically if you have a child on the SEND register to enable you to have an official letter to carry with you to ensure you have the evidence for going out more than once a day.

The next phase for schools will be the transitioning back into some form of increased attendance by pupils. This will be a complex process and we must all ensure that the social distancing measures work successfully to ensure we can provide as safe an environment as possible for the pupils and staff.

The phased entry and exit to school for the different age ranges had a huge impact in both ensuring social distancing and also in reducing the traffic in school lane which was an added bonus. This is something that will be continued and I will send details regarding this once we reopen.

Please be reassured that the local authority are working closely with the Government advisors. Gavin Williamson the Education Secretary is working hard to ensure all children are given the best support possible, as they work a plan for school to reopen, whenever that may be.

Should you have any specific question that I can help you with please contact me through the [office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk) email that you would normally use or through the [info@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:info@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk) .

Thank you

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