

# Hope and Positivity



The summer term theme is:

**PERSEVERANCE**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a successful first week back of the summer term. 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>

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.

We are looking carefully at options for the reopening of school and ensuring the pupils have the maximum support. At Upton we like to work as a team and I would like to ask for parental support with this. I want to ensure I give you the support and confidence when the time comes for the school to reopen and so I am asking for you to fill in the grid at the bottom of this letter and return it to the office either by post or email ASAP giving positive suggestions for the return to school.

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I am the Chair of the Primary Partnership Head teachers group for the primary schools in Worcestershire and work with the local authority on their emergency planning for education.

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.

Thank you

**Julie Wills**  
Headteacher

**PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO PLAN AT ALL CURRENTLY TO OPEN THE SCHOOLS. I AM PLANNING AHEAD FOR WHEN THE TIME COMES AND AM ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THE PLAN TO ENSURE WE GET SOMETHING THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE.**

Idea			Parent suggestions
<p>Would you support a part-time timetable am or pm?</p> <p>With half the class in mornings the other half afternoons but with equal teaching time.</p>	<p>Morning only (am)</p>	<p>Afternoon only (pm)</p>	
<p>When would you feel is the best time for your child/ children to return to school?</p>	<p>May - after the half term</p>	<p>September - into their new class</p>	
<p>Do you feel alternative days would be a preferred option initially?</p>			
<p>Please provide any suggestions you have for the reintroduction into the school:</p>			