

Forest Academy News

Keeping you up to date!

Friday 24th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and have been enjoying the lovely weather, whilst staying home and keeping yourselves and everyone else safe.

It has been an interesting few weeks since we closed the school. We have launched our remote home learning provision, kept you informed through emails, text messages, phone calls, newsletters and established an in-school provision for the children of workers and vulnerable children. It has all been a huge learning curve for everyone, but the Forest Academy community are doing a phenomenal job!



Our parents, carers and families have been amazing – many of you are juggling working from home as well as supporting your children with home schooling. We are so very proud of you and of the collaborative efforts of you and your children. Keep sending us your photos and videos of your home learning to homelearning@forestacademy.org.uk or info@forestacademy.org.uk or admin@forestacademy.org.uk

unity is strength... when there is
teamwork and collaboration,
wonderful things can
be achieved

Our value this half term is **COLLABORATION**. To collaborate means to work or co-operate with others in order to achieve something that will benefit all. During these difficult times, we need more than ever to find creative ways to collaborate with each other and inspire hope for the future. Our health, happiness and future depend on it!

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Support and Advice

These are very challenging times for everyone, but there is a lot of help available. Below you will find the contact details of a number of organisations to go to if you need help or advice:

- For help with welfare rights advice, call the council's free advice line on 0800 731 5920 to speak to an advisor or email welfare.rights@croydon.gov.uk.
- [Discretionary Housing Payments](#) may be available for a limited time to top up housing-related benefits to cover housing costs such as rent
- You may be able to claim a [discretionary reduction in council tax](#)- visit Croydon Council website to find out if you qualify
- There are three food stops with community partners in New Addington, Selsdon and Thornton Heath, where eligible residents can get £20 worth of food and groceries for £3.50 per week. For information email anita.konczack@croydon.gov.uk
- Gas and electricity prepayment meters during COVID-19. Contact your energy suppliers, to discuss options to ensure your supply is not interrupted. Visit this website for further information: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-and-your-energy-supply>
- The council's Gateway service helps residents avoid homelessness, and offers support ranging from one-to-one debt advice and maximising benefit entitlement. If you are a Croydon resident needing support from Gateway staff, email gcc@croydon.gov.uk including a mobile number so an adviser can call you back.
- Croydon Council have a [COVID-19 web page](#) which will be updated daily with any changes to services.
- Help for anyone experiencing or at risk of domestic abuse - Croydon Family Justice Centre
020 8688 0100 or email fjc@croydon.gov.uk

If you have concerns about a child (or their families) welfare, contact Croydon Council's Single Point of Contact (SPOC)

Telephone: 020 8726 6400

Out of hours: 020 8726 6400 (ask for out of hours team)

Email: childreferrals@croydon.gov.uk

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 – 16:00

If you think a child is at risk of immediate harm telephone 999

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Coronavirus (COVID-19): what you need to do

Stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

Do not meet others, even friends or family. You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.



Look after yourselves and each other.

Stay Safe!










Mrs Wray and all the staff at Forest Academy

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Happy Birthday wishes to:

	Kamil	Elm Class
	Amelia	Lime Class
	Deeba	Lime Class
	Roy	Willow Class
	Salvador	Cherry Class
	Nanza	Cherry Class
	Kezia	Cherry Class
	Jasmine	Ash Class
	Jaber	Elm Class