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'At Cannon Park School, We Encourage Excellence and Enjoyment by...
Being our Best, Caring for All in a Safe Environment, Every Day!'



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter is to support you through the next phase of our Action Plan.

Today is our last day all together, so it is going to be all about reassuring the children that they are going to be alright. The children have been so resilient and shown all our school values throughout these last few difficult weeks – so well done to them! However, the idea of being off school might sound exciting for the children, as they may be picturing a fun time like the summer holiday, not the reality of being inside at home and not seeing their friends.

Over the coming weeks, you may well see an increase in behaviour issues with your children. Whether its anxiety, or anger, or protest that they can't do things normally – it will happen. You might see more meltdowns, tantrums, and challenging behaviour in the coming weeks. This is normal and expected under these new circumstances.

What children need right now is to feel comforted and loved. To feel like it's all going to be ok so that might mean that you tear up your schedule and spend a bit more family time together. Play outside and go on walks. Bake cakes and paint pictures. Play board games and watch movies. Do a science experiment together or find virtual field trips to the zoo. Start a book and read together as a family. Snuggle under the duvet and do nothing.

Please don't worry, every single child is in the same situation and they will all be ok. When we are back in the classroom, we will continue to work with your child and carry on from where they are. Teachers are experts at this! Don't pick fights with your children because they don't want to do maths. Don't worry if they do not want to follow the timetable you carefully planned. Don't demand two hours of learning time if they are resisting it.

Remember, at the end of all of this everyone's mental health will be more important than anything. How we all feel during this time will stay with us long after the memory or what we did during those weeks is long gone. So, keep that in mind, every single day.

Finally, I would just like to thank those of you who have been incredibly supportive of the school in the past few days in what has been very testing times for us all. Your patience and understanding are very much appreciated. These are unprecedented times and I know how worrying this situation is and how hard these next months maybe for families. I hope that together, as a school community, we will continue to support one another and make the

best of the situation that we are faced with. During this period of closure, if you need help or support, please do get in touch via email – admin@cannonpark.coventry.sch.uk

May I also thank my staff for all their continued hard work, support and understanding. They are an incredible team and one I am very proud of. They have gone above and beyond their roles in school and will continue to help and support you. They, along with myself wish you all the best and hope you stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

V. MacDonald

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