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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term. It is not quite what we had planned but we will certainly make the best of it!

I just wanted to write with a few updates for you and to try to keep you in the loop of communication as much as possible.

Showbie

I am sure most of you will have seen the information about our new platform for sending and receiving work (years 1-6) Showbie. We have found that this is an easier app/webpage to use both for yourselves and for us to mark the work. If you are having problems connecting or are just feeling overwhelmed with it all please do let your class teacher know when they call and they can support you with this.

Trips & Residential

As we are not aware of a 'return to school date' yet, we are looking at each trip as the date approaches. We will update you as year groups as to status of these. If you have paid for a trip that does not go ahead you will be issued with a refund. We will be contacting parents in Year 5 and 6 separately regarding the residential trips that are planned for the coming term.

Workload

We are aware that every family is different and home learning will be different in every household. The staff are doing their best to gauge the amount of activities that they send and set for each day. There is NO expectation for all of the activities to be completed, please as a family decide on what you feel you can manage to do with your children. Learning at home is very different from learning at school and we do not expect or want you to try to replicate this. The most important thing for us as a school is that you and your children are well and healthy. Please do not give yourself a hard time if you are finding it tricky to balance your work, the children's work and home life, it is difficult, and we do understand this. You are all doing a fabulous job!

SurveyMonkey

We will be sending out a survey monkey questionnaire to each class to gain some feedback on home learning, please look out for this.

Zoom coffee and chat

We are going to set up a coffee and chat for each class via zoom next week, if you would like to log on and chat to others and see each other please follow the link that will be sent to you via dojo. Any questions please speak with your class teacher.

Support

We are aware that these are really trying times for families for a range of reasons. Some people have found themselves out of work and without income that they rely on through no fault of their own. Others are finding being cooped up at home is having a really negative effect on their own health, both mental and physical. Some families are finding themselves very isolated with little adult communication and interaction.

I would really ask, that if you find yourself in any of these situations over this period of time you contact us. You are not being a burden or a bother, we want to support you and your family and we can support in a number of ways be it financial or emotional. You are welcome to email me directly at ht@wickhambrookschool.co.uk or via the school mobile number: 07748731848 Please don't suffer in silence...

We do not know when we will be back altogether as a school family, **but we will!** We will all be back as one family soon enough, remember, this is not forever...

We want to keep our relationships strong; with each other, with yourselves, with your children, and with friends. Strong relationships are going to enable us to come through this and be bigger and better than we were before!

Stay safe, Stay health, Stay happy

You are doing a great job!

With Best Wishes,



Miss Rosalind Towns
Headteacher