

## **NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 14**

Dear Parents

We hope you are all well and coping at this difficult time.

We would like to signpost you to the many organisations and support groups being offered. Below are a number of links to websites which offer advice, support and resources for you and your children, some of which you may have already heard of. The first link in particular has a concise list of organisations and resources regarding mental health and wellbeing.

We are looking at having a special section on our website to list all the support groups available, along with pupil support information. This will be developed over the next few weeks.

We hope they will be of use to you.

You may have also heard how children across the country have been drawing colourful rainbows to put in windows to cheer up passers by and brighten the streets. Why not encourage yours to do this if they haven't already? It doesn't have to be a rainbow, it could be a smiley face, colourful hand or a beautiful picture. The BBC is looking for pictures which it can put on its website so children might be able to spot their own! Have a look at

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52034134>

Please do not hesitate to email us on the enquiry line ([enquiries@carterhatchjunelt.org](mailto:enquiries@carterhatchjunelt.org)) if you need any further help, advice or support. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/1960/coronavirus-mental-health-and-wellbeing-resources.pdf>

<https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/6-ways-parents-can-support-their-kids-through-coronavirus-covid-19>

## **Learning at home**

**We will keep the home learning and the use of SeeSaw under review and if it starts to create undue pressure on children and staff we will have to decide if it can continue in the long term. It is not a messaging platform. Many schools are not offering this; they give online home learning and it is not marked or looked at.**

- The homework packs which were available last week provided two weeks' worth of home learning. More will be set next week.
- If your child finishes everything set, please direct them to the comprehensive list of websites for other learning opportunities to be found on the school website: do not ask for more work from teachers.
- The work will be monitored by your child's class teacher.
- The SeeSaw library provides an extensive resource of work.

Please be mindful of your children's well-being and make sure they are having breaks! During this challenging and unprecedented period, we want to ensure we are providing a balance that considers their well-being away from school. Give your child opportunities to physically exercise as well as mentally exercise.

## **Exciting News – “The Hatch” – our new newsletter for pupils!**

In the next few weeks, we will be launching a new fortnightly newsletter called “The Hatch”. It will highlight educational and fun website links and activities, along with jokes and more. We will let you know the launch date once it is ready.