



HEATH FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents,

I hope you and your family are well and keeping safe. As I write we have just entered the seventh week of lockdown and school is still closed to the majority of children. Like you I am waiting for the government to announce the plan for the easing of lockdown and when things are likely to happen. When and how we return to school is something we have had no information about yet. We are waiting for Sunday's announcement. The school leadership team are meeting on Thursday the 14th to begin to plan for children returning to school, however we do not know which children that will be or when they will be expected back. Like you we are waiting to find out.

A letter that schools received today from Iain Peel, Service Director Schools and Learning, Derbyshire County Council states-

"Before we can start planning in detail for the return of young people and staff back in to schools, we need to recognise that it is the Government which will be the organisation that sets the national pathway and current media speculation suggests that this will be announced on Sunday 10th May 2020. Already, I have encountered a small number of headteachers looking to DCC to name a date and year groups that will return to learning; DCC cannot do so since it will be the Government which mandates the date and year groups. "

In the meantime, keep visiting the Heath Fields website and your child's work from home page. Keep up with some home learning each week day. I appreciate it can be a challenge, but a little each day will help your child. If you have any problems with home school learning please email your child's class teacher.

Please keep sending in the photos and videos of what you are doing at home. The teaching staff and I enjoy seeing what you are doing. Photos and videos are displayed on the website under home learning pages and the #stayhomestayactive page.

We hope to see you soon. Please take care, stay safe and look after your children.

Regards,

Mark Whyman



