

# Newsletter

Dear Parents & Friends,

My very best wishes go out to you all at this challenging time. We are hearing reports of family and friends who are already affected by COVID-19 and the headlines seem to be increasingly worrying. It is important to remember that many more people recover from this virus than succumb to it. It is also great that we have very clear advice on how to stay well, and an amazing team of Key Workers who continue to go above and beyond to look after us all.

Locally, organisations are pulling together to offer support:

#### Headline key message

- Please continue to offer support and to try and look after friends, family, neighbours and those in need. Our local micro acts of #viralkindness are going to go the longest way in reaching those who need help. The use of the [#viralkindness postcards](#) is still encouraged and we hope you will share this message. If every street had a couple of people looking after “their own” we would get through this crisis in great shape. I know this is already happening, and it is amazing, please keep going!

#### Health Update

- NHS Primary care is functioning well currently and those with health concerns can continue to access primary care, albeit that most GP consultations are now being done via the phone/video.
- Patients should continue to ring their practice and should not visit in person unless specifically invited to do so.
- Any face to face consultations could end up being at a single site (Likely Rawtenstall Hub) but at the moment practices are operating as normal.
- Prescriptions are also operating normally and stocks of most medicines are ok. Patients should ring in advance to check their prescription is ready before going to collect.
- Prescription delivery services are under pressure – so if patients can have friends/family/neighbours collect on their behalf then they just need the patient’s name/address/date of birth. If people need help with delivery, they should contact Rossendale Connected Hub 01706 227016

#### Rossendale Council/ Rossendale Connected Update

- Rossendale Connected is up and running and providing a few key services and can be contacted on 01706 227016. Several partners are involved in the partnership along with the support of many community organisations and volunteers. (Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RossendaleConnected>)
  - Sharing information with the community relating to the Coronavirus outbreak (using online social media and other mediums)
  - Connecting families and individuals to groups and volunteers who can help provide food, medicine and essential supplies
  - Supporting individuals into existing services particularly around loneliness and social isolation
  - Co-ordinating local volunteering ([via Burnley Pendle Rossendale CVS](#),

#### DfE Guidance for parents and carers: keeping children safe online

Many children will be spending more time on the internet whilst at home. The DfE have updated their information for parents and carers to include a section on keeping children safe online. It provides links to online resources that will help support parents and carers in keeping their children safe online. Full details can be found in section 6.3 of the guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

#### Easter Holidays

There will be no new work set for children during the Easter Holiday, and Teachers will not be expected to answer emails or online messages during this time. Teachers will be available again from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Many thanks.

Although this newsletter usually stops during the holidays, if there is any significant news or advice I will send it out.

Just to re-iterate the message we have heard a thousand times, **STAY AT HOME & SAVE LIVES.**

*Stay well. 😊*

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