

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your children had some special time together over the Easter holidays and are well.

It's hard to believe this is the first day of the Summer Term. The only thing that seems familiar is the improving weather and length of days.

The school is not the same as it is seriously lacking the vibrancy, colour and excitement of everyone who makes up our school community. I do miss saying good morning to everyone at the gates.

However, we had a successful Easter break in which we stayed open to support families. We continue to be open as per the government's request and while we would love to see everyone back in school, we have to balance this with the continued need to keep everyone safe.

I hope you are getting through the days and managing most of the time! Our home learning packs are out and I know you will be working through them.

I appreciate that as time in lockdown increases, so can some of the difficulties.

The government updated guidance yesterday which may be helpful.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

In addition, the BBC has launched its own education package which may be of interest <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>.

The school is operating on a three week schedule to coincide with the government reviews. We will continue to review our support and we will be in touch with any further government updates or any changes that are needed.

On a slightly different note, currently we are experiencing some difficulties with our answerphone system. If you do call and can't get through, please email the office email at [office.2563@harwell.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2563@harwell.oxon.sch.uk) with any message. If it is urgent, please call back.

This is sent with my best wishes to you and all your families, here and further afield. I'll keep in touch.

Warm regards,

Mr Gibson and the Harwell School team