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Dear Iron Acton Families,

I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your patience and understanding as we have put new measures in place for remote learning in an incredibly short time scale. We are grateful to you all for doing **whatever you can to support your child's learning** and we recognise that there are many different challenges to overcome when it comes to home schooling.

We are here to support you and make things as straightforward over the next few weeks as we possibly can – **please do keep in touch and let us know how things are going.** Teachers will be making phone calls to check in over the coming weeks if they haven't already done so. If you are struggling with anything or if you know of anyone else who is, please talk to us. The teachers' email addresses are also available below should you need to contact any of them from time to time but please bear in mind they are very busy at the moment catering for children in school, as well as those at home.

As you will know, we have had far more requests for children to join the critical worker and vulnerable children group at school than we did last year. Whilst the group is there for a reason and we are very happy to offer this provision for those who need it, **we would like to remind everyone that it must only be used if absolutely necessary.**

We haven't been given any guidance on how long schools will be closed to most families, but we are hopeful that we will open again straight after February half term – we will keep you informed of any further developments.

Wishing you all the best, Mike Riches

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IT support

The Government laptop scheme for primary school children is due to open at the end of this week; we believe this will only be for families who receive free school meals (not universal infant free school meals). As soon as this is open, we will investigate who may be eligible and contact you if relevant.

Recently, we have had several offers of laptops from people in the village who have a pre-used one they no longer need. If you are short of any devices, please let the school office know so we can match you up with any laptops that are donated in the future.

We have recently been informed that Google Classrooms can be accessed using a Playstation or an Xbox. Instructions on how to do this can be easily found online.

Families can also request free mobile data increases for those without broadband or are struggling to afford extra data due to an increase in usage related to online working. Many providers are taking part in the scheme. More information can be found at: <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/>

If you need school to help you with any of this, please let us know as soon as possible.

'Comfort and Joy'

Before Christmas, we told you about the Comfort and Joy fund that the school has been given by the church and Acton Aid to support families who may be struggling at the current time. Much of this was distributed to families before Christmas but we still have a remaining amount to spend. If you are finding things difficult financially, please let us know in complete confidence, so we can offer some support at what is a very difficult time for many.

Friends of Iron Acton School

Friends would like to invite all the children to join us in a sponsored virtual Lands End to John O'Groats challenge. Between all the children in school, we're hoping to walk/run/cycle/skate/scoot a combined distance of 874 miles - watch this space for how you can sign up and get outdoors during lockdown whilst raising money for the school.

We will be sending out more information next week. Medals will be available to all those who take part!



Dates for your diary

Event	Date and time	Information
Children's mental health week	01.02.21	More information nearer the time.
Online safety day	09.02.21	More information nearer the time.
Last day of Term 3	12.02.21 3.15pm	
INSET day	22.02.21 All day	This will go ahead whether schools are open to all or not.
First day of Term 4	23.02.21 8.55am	We will give you as much notice as possible about this. However, we know that this is subject to change at very short notice.
Parent/teacher meetings	01.03.21 03.03.21	Appointments will be organised at the end of Term 3.
World Book Day	04.03.21	We aim to ask children to dress up this year.
Last day of Term 4	01.04.21 3.15pm	

Please note: these dates may be changed or cancelled if necessary. We will try to provide as much notice as possible if this is the case.

