



22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of a challenging and unusual school year, I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for the support you have shown over the last few months both with the home-learning and in supporting the school as we have opened up to different year groups. It has been an unprecedented time, but there has been an overwhelmingly positive response and it really does feel like we have all worked together to make the best out of a very troubling and uncertain situation. It has been great seeing so many people completing home learning packs and lovely to see so many children returning to school over the last few weeks and enjoying being back with their friends and in their classes.

I would like to wish everyone a restful and pleasant summer, and know that everyone here is looking forward to a bit more normality and a full school when we reopen in September. Please make the most of the free learning books you have been given to help make sure your child is ready to start their new year group when they return to school, and remember to return completed work with your child.

If you have any queries about September, please contact the school. However, be aware that teachers will not be expecting emails to class addresses. Any general queries are welcome using the email address [admin@mendleshamschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@mendleshamschool.org.uk).

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Tom Singleton

### **Supporting learning over the summer**

Please continue to support your child's learning during the summer as you would normally. Hear them read regularly, and spend some time on the free learning books they have been given. If there is a particular area in which you feel your child is struggling or has fallen behind, please make their class teacher aware in September. Teachers will be expecting books to be returned, and there will be stickers and certificates for children who have completed work.

Please also remember that there are lots of good lessons and resources available on:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons> - lots of subjects, video clips to watch and activities to do

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/> - teacher led video lessons for all ages

### **On-line safety**

Please use the link below to access information for yourself and your child/ren on how to stay safe on-line.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

### **Support for Mental Well-being During the Lockdown.**

You can always call us for advice and support. The school nursing team is still operating and we can sign post you to a variety of organisations for additional support – for yourself or your child. You might find the following useful:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

[www.samaritans.org.uk](http://www.samaritans.org.uk)

Here is a short activity to do with your child if they are worrying about coronavirus:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/cco-childrens-guide-to-coronavirus.pdf>

### **Road safety**

Please use the following links to look at road safety and cycling safely with your child. There are some games and videos to look through to help them keep safe over the summer and beyond:

<https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/> - resources, games and videos about road safety for children of different ages.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HTi8Zl6l04> – road and bicycle safety video.