



FLORENCE MELLY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Message

Dear all,

I write to you all at an unprecedented time in our school history – in the knowledge that we may not be together again as a whole school family for some time. While we have of course been aware of the unfolding situation before us, we had to wait for the Government to decide that schools need to close for the majority of children. It will be incredibly sad to not be together as the Florence Melly family for a while, but we must all trust that this is the right decision for the safety and wellbeing of all of our local, national and international communities.

As with all other schools in the country, we will be closing on **Friday 20th March at 3:15pm** until further notice. Liverpool City Council are currently working out how we can work together as a city to provide support to parents who are key workers, so that they are able to continue to go to work. This is because their jobs are crucial in helping to overcome the Coronavirus and help us within the community. Liverpool City Council are working with the NHS and emergency services to identify personnel that this will affect.

Your child will bring home a learning pack for them to work through. While this will of course not replicate the experience that our staff team provide for your child here at school, I certainly hope that this goes some way to provide a sense of routine to your child during this extended period away from school. The school's website will also be comprehensively updated with links to free 'Home Learning' sites containing a wealth of online resources. This will be updated as often as possible by staff. Please check our vibrant Twitter feed also: [@flomellynews](https://twitter.com/flomellynews)

We understand that home learning is not going to be easy, but getting into a routine early on will really help. Whilst we have to put 'social distancing' in place, why not go for a walk in one of the many parks in Liverpool. The fresh air and exercise is good for physical and mental wellbeing and there is so much learning that can be done in the outdoors appropriate to every age group.

We know that this may be very difficult time and we will still be available to you for advice and support whenever we can be. Any questions you may have can be sent to: schooladmin@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk

Safeguarding ourselves and each other is part of our community responsibility and particularly important at this time of uncertainty. Knowing who to contact and how to talk to children about their worries is vital.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, you can also access support and advice through the Liverpool Safeguarding Partnership's website - <https://liverpoolscp.org.uk/scp/parents-carers/parents-carers> and if you are worried that a child or young person is at risk of harm, abuse or neglect, as always, you can contact Careline on 0151 233 3700.

You can email Mr Leach our Designated Safeguarding Lead at – a.leach@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk if you would like to communicate with him. Similarly, Mr Doyle, our Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Pastoral Support Officer and Mental Health lead can be contacted at: joseph.doyle@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk.

Please email me with any urgent questions you may have at: k.heaton@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk

Stay safe.

Mr K. Heaton
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