

Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyone here at Ipsley has spent the last few weeks and months carefully planning to welcome your sons and daughters back to school. This is not a letter about Risk Assessments and Guidance but a letter of support and understanding during unprecedented times. Everyone here at Ipsley felt it was important to reach out to reassure you that staff are doing everything we can to keep your children safe while at school. The impact of sending bubbles home we recognize can be stressful, confusing and scary for us all – but please be assured that we are following strict guidelines and that we make these decisions carefully and support the pupils every step of the way.

Most of us here are parents or aunties and uncles and know first-hand how difficult it is to trust others to keep our children safe when they are away from us. Their emotional and physical wellbeing is our key priority alongside continuing their education in a happy, healthy and safe way.

We felt that it was important to let you know that the children have settled in extremely well. We are all so proud of the way they have taken to social distancing and washing their hands without any problems.

We are all in this together and we want you to know that we are here for you if you have any questions or concerns or just want to talk to someone about how you or your family are feeling.

If you need to talk to someone please call the office and ask for the following member of staff:

KS2

Mrs Keane
Miss Jackson
Mrs Curtis

KS3

Mr McRobie
Mrs Curtis

There are also lots of reliable online sources for you and your child to help with issues of anxiety and worry around the current situation. These are free to access and available any time:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-children-and-young-people/>

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

<https://www.kooth.com/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

We are here for you as a school and as a community. Together we can get through this so please don't hesitate to call us.

Team Ipsley