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**TO ALL FAMILIES ACROSS THE LEARN TO LIVE FEDERATION**

Dear All,

We continue to take each day at a time and thank you for your continued support.

We are keeping your children safe by following Public Health England advice, but this does mean that staffing levels are vastly reduced day-by-day. Thank you for following the guidelines as it will help us to stay open for as long as possible.

Your child's education is important to us and if we are forced to close and unable to reopen immediately after Easter, we have plans to provide online learning resources for you to access at home:

- a) We are currently updating the Ellen Tinkham and Bidwell Brook websites (please note that Ellen Tinkham School is a split site school, NOT two separate schools and all learning resources and information is held on the main Ellen Tinkham School website). Each website will have a "Home Learning" tab.
- b) After Easter, teachers will provide a weekly update for each key stage. This will include suggestions of books to read together, an open-ended topic task, daily activities and a recorded story or chapter of a book, read by the teacher.

Over the next couple of days, we will be sending home information, followed by a link, to the 'Evidence for Learning' system which we have trialled with a number of families. You will be able to use this to share what you and your child have been working on, with the teacher.

Class teachers will keep in touch with a weekly phone call and/or email, just to check in with you all.

As well as the key stage learning tab on the websites, there will also be a general learning area. Here you will find links to a range of free learning resources, like virtual museum field trips, phonics activities, interactive educational games and the Discovery Education Espresso resource, utilised across the Federation. We hope to provide additional advice and ideas from specialist teachers and therapists in this area.

These are strange and worrying times for us all but we will keep in touch, keep working together and eventually we will see the other side of it.

Yours faithfully



**Jacqui Warne**  
Executive Head

