



The Ryde School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your family are well and keeping safe.

The school is open for key workers and we have had a handful of children. Staff are being asked to work in school one week in every three. The school does feel very strange and quiet without all the children.

I do hope that the learning pack has been helpful to you. We are working now to produce some support materials to help you organise your children's learning and they should hopefully be ready to upload during next week. The pack you have at the moment will last for approximately four weeks. The teachers will then provide a fresh pack with support materials for the following four weeks.

We are also looking at some online resources that will compliment your child's learning. Although there are many of these available at the moment, a lot of them require children to just sit at screens for periods of time. We are looking for websites with more to offer than this.

It is important for you and your child to have some fresh air every day, going for a walk, playing in the garden etc. I appreciate that it is very difficult for children not to see their family and friends for such a long period of time, especially children with no siblings. Perhaps some online chats could be possible. We sent out earlier today guidance for using the House Party app, which if used sensibly and properly can be a safe, enjoyable way to keep in touch with friends and loved ones.

I understand that Joe Wicks is very popular with the children and adults too!

We will be sharing some further links for physical activity later today from All for Sport, the company that coaches our children on Tuesdays. They are very good. There will be more of these to come which will give the children, and you, some variety in the exercise that you do.

We will continue to keep you updated and informed of developments.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sue Thompson
Headteacher

