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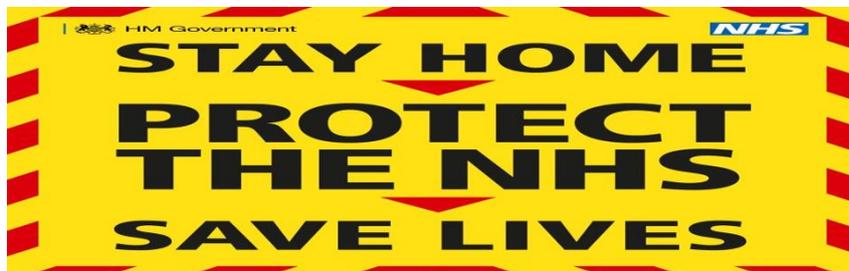
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Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID-19 Week 3



I hope you were able to enjoy some glorious sunny weather over the weekend before embarking on this unusual Easter period of centre provision.

Norcot Website

On our website, under COVID-19, we have a new sub tab SEND, where you can find lots of information, support, resources and ideas on how to support your child, with additional needs, during this unusual situation. The Family Information Service/SEND Local Offer for Reading want to make sure that our families are kept up to date on how to access services at this very difficult time. SEND Local offer COVID-19 newsletter contains lots of information about support services, organisations offering phone and on-line services, Childcare, Home Education and Activities and Wellbeing. Please have a read.

Primary School places - September 2020

We have had a confirmation that children starting school in September should still get notification of their school place on 16th April 2020 by email or after this date by post. During your weekly calls with staff, can you please share this information with staff. If you have any queries with regards to your child's school place or wish to appeal, please contact

Helen via email hwalsh@norcot.reading.sch.uk or phone on 07494870992 as she can help them with this process.

Safeguarding

Berkshire West Safeguarding Children Partnership website and social media platforms has a dedicated page providing information and advice for children, parents, carers and practitioners covering a wide range of subjects, including domestic abuse, emotional health, financial help, coping strategies for new parents, home schooling, keeping children safe on-line etc.

You can visit Berkshire West Safeguarding Children Partnership website via links below:

<https://www.berkshirewestsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/scp/parents-and-carers/information-for-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.berkshirewestsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/scp/parents-and-carers/important-safety-messages-children-and-babies>

One Reading Community Hub

The One Reading Community Hub has been created for Reading borough residents who may require additional support during the pandemic. It is also a place for people to volunteer their time or services to help those in need.

The hub is a partnership between Reading Borough Council, Reading Voluntary Action, Brighter Futures for Children and the town's wide and varied voluntary and community sector. It provides a helpline 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday and 9am-1pm Saturday on 0808 1894325(freephone). For more detail visit: <https://www.reading.gov.uk/coronavirussupport>

If you worried or are anxious or a little bit sad, that's ok, it's natural to feel like this. Try to keep yourself busy, read a book, look out from the window and see the beautiful world. Do something together as a family, something that you really enjoy doing, spend time together and support and help each other. And always remember, we are here for you. Just give us a call.

Yours sincerely

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