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The Importance of Relationships

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Dear Parents/Carers

As part of our 10 Principles of Learning, emotions are central to our learning. As you are hopefully aware, one area which we value highly is that of the relationships between staff and children in school, especially the one between the class teacher and all their children. As part of the ongoing developments, the Government have asked schools to keep in contact with children that are deemed vulnerable, whilst schools are partially closed. As a school, we have reflected in this request and come up with our own solution to this. We thought that this was a good idea, but essentially wanted to have this provision for every child.

Taking the above into account, each class teacher will be in touch with every child in their class at least once a week. This will take the form of a quick phone call. Please be aware that the call might come in as number unknown as teachers will be withholding the phone's number because some will be using their personal phone. The aim of these calls is to have a quick chat with you and your child and see how things are going during this difficult period in time. You can chat about anything that relates to your child or to their home schooling. Can I just emphasise this is not us checking up on you at all, it is to try and maintain positive contact between home and school.

At this point of time, we are working on some other ways that we can do this as well. Please keep a look out for these! In the meantime, keep sending us photos, examples of work and video clips showing us what home learning you are doing. It's been great seeing what you have been doing over the last few days!

Don't forget, all SJA staff have their own email so you can drop any of them a message at any time! Trusted adults are still out in force for Team SJA! If you need anybody's email please just contact me and I can send it to you.

Thank you again for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards

Mr Rice
