

CREST INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL



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MESSAGE TO ALL PARENTS FROM MRS SHIELDS...

Dear Parents,

Before you receive the learning materials for the three week period as mentioned in the letter yesterday, I would just like to reiterate my message which was posted on the Facebook group at the start of the 'lockdown' period about us not expecting you to create mini-schools at home.

I think this poem from an anonymous source sums up what the situation could potentially mean for our children and to try to reassure you that all you are doing at home is truly amazing.

Please read on...

What if.....

What if... the children do miss many more weeks of school? Many parents are concerned about their children falling behind because of this. Well, they may fall behind a bit when it comes to classroom learning.

HOWEVER, what if..

Instead of falling 'behind' our young people today are actually more ADVANCED because of this?

What if...

They have more empathy, they enjoy family connection,

They can be creative and entertain themselves,

They love books and to read, they love to express themselves in writing?

What if...

They enjoy the simple things like their own garden or just sitting near a window in the quiet,

They notice the birds and when the flowers bloom,

They appreciate the gentle wind and the calm after a rain shower?

What if...

This generation are the ones who learn to cook, to organise themselves and learn more of the real skills of life,

They learn to plan shopping trips and meals at home,

They appreciate the small delights of everyday?

What if ...

They are the generation to really appreciate our doctors and nurses; teachers and education professionals; public servants and the previously 'invisible' but essential key workers – the delivery drivers, postmen, refuse collectors, shop workers; health care workers – just to name a few of those special people who are taking care of us while we are in this sheltered place?

What if...

Among these amazing children, a great leader emerges who has had the benefit of a slower pace and a simpler life to *really* understand what matters in this world?

what if... just what if... our children are really AHEAD in life?

With all the above in mind, please remember that when we do get back to school, we will get your children back on track.

The children, like us are confused and unsettled and no one can learn properly when they are not in the right emotional place.

What we need from you right now is to stay calm, share your inner strength and laugh lots with your children.

Right now no child is behind, no child is ahead. The children are where they are – exactly where they need to be.

With love,

Mrs Shields and the whole Crest Team

