

Willow Brook Contact

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head@willowbrook.notts.sch.uk



Good afternoon everyone!

I think writing a letter to you on the first day of the Easter holidays is a first for me! This is just a short message to inform you about the weeks ahead.

You'll realise that Willow Brook will stay open over the next two weeks with the sole purpose of providing support to the front-line families who need us. Members of staff will continue to work on a rota system over the next 4 weeks to ensure that they too have time away from work. Many will work from home as we look to preparing for the summer term. This has a number of implications for you should you need to be in touch:

- Mrs Roper is out of the office for the Easter break. This means that the school phone may not be answered if other staff are busy. Please DO NOT leave messages on the school answer phone or email the office@willowbrook address – it may not be seen.
- Our teachers have built in breaks during this period and some are dealing with difficult family situations and illness themselves. I would politely request that, should you need to contact them during this period, you do so through the head@willowbrook.notts.sch.uk address. I will forward your emails if it is OK to do so. I will be working at school and from home depending on the manpower needed but will always respond to your contact or forward the message to the appropriate person on duty.
- Stay in touch if you need our help. If you are struggling emotionally, need any advice or even just need to feel a sense of community or an empathetic ear to listen, get in touch. We want every Willow Brook child to feel safe and well. Just email and we will respond. Please recognise, however, that it is very difficult to address individual academic learning needs during this period. Responding to you in emails and from a distance can only add to the frustration of your/our situation, especially when our efforts needs to be focussed elsewhere. There is a great deal to do and days are long.

Over the next two weeks, do everything in your power to protect your family and community and be proud of the wonderful things you are doing with your children. Your newsletters and photos are inspiring and are testament to your common sense, ingenuity and understanding of what young children need right now.

With kind regards,

Louise Ballard