



ROUNDHAY
SCHOOL
EST. 1903

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Dear Parents / Carers

Whilst school is closed at the moment to the majority of pupils, we have continued to support those who are struggling in various ways. Thanks to our staff and the kind donations of many of you, we have continued to provide food and hygiene products to large numbers of our families who are struggling at this time. We have seen kindness and a willingness to put others first in bucket loads.

It has been challenging because we have often been unable to meet our pupils face to face, but have continued, where possible, to support many pupils who have struggled with mental health, anxiety or other issues with learning at home. Our staff have provided resources; they have sourced specialist help when needed; been a listening ear over the phone and made home visits when necessary.

I say all this because I am incredibly proud of our entire community and I know that this very difficult situation has brought out the best in everyone. I also say this to, once again, remind all of our pupils that whilst, for many of them, we may not be allowed to re-open the school, **we are still here for them, we are still listening and we still care.** If they are struggling in any way, we encourage them to get in touch with us and we will always do what we can to help.

This message is particularly important when we consider what happened to George Floyd and recent events in America. We are a proud, multicultural school and we share the fundamental belief that any form of racism is **completely** unacceptable. It is clear from speaking to so many staff and pupils already, that we all have a strong desire for a more equal and fairer society. Our pupils and staff continue to argue that hatred, violence and discrimination should never be an accepted part of society. We know that so many of our community are understandably shocked and incredibly upset by recent events, and I just wanted to say that any of our pupils are welcome to get in touch with us if they need to talk or need help. **We are always here for them.**

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Please email us on wearelistening@roundhayschool.com and we will be able to identify the most appropriate support.

We are very much looking forward to a time when we can welcome all our pupils back to school and we can have these important conversations in person. As I have said before, we miss them! However, in the meantime, look after yourselves, stay safe and know that they can get in touch if they need us.

With kind regards.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Partington
Headteacher

