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Dear Parents/Carers,

Even though school is closed for most at the moment, at Laurance Haines we are still here to support our families.

It is really important that we remain connected during these uncertain times. Whilst school is closed, our Laurance Haines team continue to offer support for you and your children remotely. Given the many pressures that we are all facing, I wanted to clarify how you can continue to access the support from the school team.

Website – <https://www.lhaines.herts.sch.uk/>

This is a great source of information including our updated ‘Home Learning’ section. Please do check in with this at least weekly to see the updated home learning pages and upcoming Mental Health and Wellbeing page.

Twitter/Facebook – @LHS_Watford

Staff across the school are using these streams regularly to share information. Please do continue to retweet and share links so the messages are widely spread.

Questions around Home Learning/Sharing Home Learning

So that the children remain connected with school and the learning community, we encourage you to share the children’s activities with our teachers on Twitter or email. We understand that you may have questions around the home learning too so all teachers have provided their email addresses to support with queries; these are shared on the home learning sheets.

Support Line

If you are worried about the Mental Health and Wellbeing of you or your family, if you require support and advice about your child's behaviour at home or if you are isolated and need a familiar person to talk to we have provided a dedicated phone number which will be operating **Monday to Friday from 9.00am until 5.00pm.**

Please send a text to **07960 014104** with your name and the name of your child/children. Mrs Furey will respond to the text by calling you back within 24 hours. Where a text is received on a Friday, expect to be called the following Monday. If it is urgent and you need a quicker response, please type URGENT at the beginning of the text.

As we respond and adapt to the changing information the Government are providing we may have to alter the service we provide. Please be patient as we may make changes and make plans to offer our children and families the best service we can.

Stay safe and kind regards,

Sebastian Gray

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