



20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I would like to thank you for the very supportive messages that you have sent during these exceptionally challenging times. We all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus which is why the government has given clear guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing. The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. **If children can now stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.**

Whilst we are formally closed from Monday 23 March onwards, we will continue to support your child, both academically and pastorally and our school remains at the heart of our community. Your child will have brought home details of the home-learning programme today; if possible, mix this up with practical activities, life skill tasks and lots of stories and games! Achieving an effective balance is going to be a challenge for all of us in the coming weeks

We are committed as a school to ensure that we provide a service in accordance with the statutory guidance and therefore will be operating a special provision from Monday 23rd March for the children of key workers and those entitled to specialist support. Families who have places in this provision will be written to separately. The government has asked parents/carers to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and for schools to remain open only for children who absolutely need to attend.

If your child has been unable to attend school this week, they may well have left possessions such as coats and PE kits behind. Next week we will be putting tables outside the front of school for you to collect from. We will be in touch about this next week.

If for whatever reason, you find yourself in difficulty or in need of support, please do not hesitate to contact me on the headteacher email. As I said, we are here to support families both academically and pastorally.

The school is closed until further notice and as soon as I hear of any new developments, I will be in touch. I would have like to have been on the playground today to wish everyone farewell, but am at home recovering from recent surgery. Therefore, I would like to wish all our families all the very best of health and I hope to see you all again very soon.

Look after each other and take care,

Kind regards and best wishes

Cathy Beddows