



17.03.20 – Information for Parents in the Event of School Closure due to COVID 19

Dear Parents

After recent concern that schools will be closed nationally at some point, we have put in place contingency plans to support our children's education and ensure our families are supported too. [Tonight your child will bring home an individual email account with username and password](#). This is for parent access or for the pupil to access under parental supervision and it is the account we will use to communicate with you in the event of school closure. We will send you a test email to ensure it is working correctly for you. All staff have also been given email accounts expressly for this purpose and class teachers and teaching assistants will send you a contact email too.

In the event of a school closure, we will email work home on a regular basis. The work will be sent by your child's teachers and will be suitable for them to complete at home. We recognise that some of our children have difficulties understanding why school work should be completed at home and we will send some activities suitable for them too if they are unable to complete other work. We know that a national school closure will present many problems for our families and I want to reassure you that we know you will be doing the best you can in difficult circumstances. We don't want any parent to feel pressurised by the work being sent home, but we have a responsibility to ensure it is provided and marked if children are able to complete it. Please be reassured that we will support children to catch up when school reopens if your circumstances make it difficult to supervise and help them with work. You will be able to contact us using the emails provided and get advice through the working day.

A key part of our role during any school closure will be to ensure our children remain safe, and part of that is supporting you too. We will continue to operate a Safeguarding culture and we will make welfare checks on any families who are vulnerable or requesting assistance. Please contact us if you are in need of help. We are particularly concerned about families without extended networks of support, single parents looking after their children alone and parents with significant health issues. If you are self-isolating and unable to leave the house to get supplies, we can help. Self-isolation can be an emotional strain and we will have staff accessible by phone if you need to talk to someone.

I want to say a huge thank you so far to all our parents for their support in the last couple of weeks while we have dealt with an unprecedented situation. Your understanding of the increased measures we've had to put in place has been so much appreciated.

If we do reach the point where we are instructed to close the school, the building may be shut but we are still here for you.

More information will be sent in the event of closure. I hope it does not reach that point, but for now please check your new email account is functioning correctly and contact us if there are any problems. We will also use this system for supporting children who are self-isolating.

Best wishes – Jane Hughes



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