



Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

School closure update

These are very strange and difficult times and my thoughts and prayers are with you and your families as you manage this situation. I spoke to a child today who told me they were praying for their parent who is an NHS worker. I think this is good advice for us all.

We pray today that the families and friends of our community and across the world are kept safe and that through working together we will overcome all difficulties. Amen

As you will know the school will remain closed to most families for the immediate future. However there will be staff at school for the small number of children who will continue to attend. ***Therefore we will continue to provide regular updates via e-mail and on the website so please look out for these.***

For those children who will now be working from home a reminder that the learning activities can be found on the website in '**Parent Information/ Learning Zone**'. In the folder named 'Links to Learning' you will find links to a range of educational websites. These are in addition to MyMaths and MyUSO. There is also a folder for each year group where you will find suggested compulsory and optional activities. In the event that this situation does continue after Easter we will update the folders on a weekly basis.

We suggest that you keep your children to a routine as much as possible. The following is a suggestion only;

Breakfast and play

9am – 12pm – A range of English, Maths and topic activities. Mix these up with online learning activities and regular short breaks to hold your child's interests.

12pm – 1pm Lunch

1pm – 3pm – Practical art and craft activities, games such as snakes and ladders, construction toys.

This structure will help engage the children and keep them occupied.

The updated critical key worker list is as follows:

Health and social care

This includes doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers.

Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arm's length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision, including workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure, the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have contacted the school to let us know whether their children will be attending next week.

For those children who will be attending school we will have a similar routine. We will continue to focus on learning in the morning and more practical and sports based activities in the afternoon. A reminder that children will be in mixed classes and age groups. Depending on numbers this will probably be split into Nursery & Reception, Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6. Harrison's (our catering company) are still able to provide a hot lunch. These must be paid for in the usual way.

We will continue to provide breakfast club and after school club.

CHILDREN ARE PERMITTED TO WEAR THEIR OWN CLOTHES TO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK.

If you have any questions or queries please contact the school via e-mail or phone the office. If, over the coming weeks, you need to talk to someone or seek advice please call and we will help where we can.

I wish you all the best for the coming month and hope to see all the children back in school before too long.

God bless each and everyone.

Yours sincerely,



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