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Coronavirus: Required Closure

Dear Parents/Carers,

19th March 2020

Re: Coronavirus Update – School Closure

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the remainder of the Spring term (up to and including Wednesday 1st April) for the children of key workers and for children who have an EHCP or are under social care only:

These could be (not a definitive list as we are awaiting confirmation):

- NHS and other medical professionals
- Teachers and nursery nurses
- Police officers, Community Support Officers
- Prison and Probation staff
- Social workers, educational psychologists, and therapists
- Firefighters
- Some Ministry of Defence Personnel
- Environmental Health Officer
- Highway Agency Traffic Officers
- Supermarket delivery drivers
- Care workers looking after the vulnerable and elderly

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories and you wish to use this school provision. Please contact the school office on **(01493) 661691** as soon as possible, giving your child's name and class. We may also contact you if we already know you fall into one of these categories. You must inform us if you wish your child to be at school from Monday 23rd March 2020.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards. (If children are sent in, who do not fit into the above categories, the school will contact you to collect them)

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by via text message. Please make sure the school has your up to date contact details.

Home Learning

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. As in previous communication, home learning is available on the school website.



As pupils will not be in school, we will need your help to ensure that all pupils complete work set each day that they are absent. This is a school expectation and we will wish to see evidence of this on their return to school. We also ask that you assist them to grasp things that they may find challenging, to read with them daily and to enable them to access the helpful websites that can keep their skills active and well practised. These might be past SATS papers (Years 2 & 6), SPAG.com, Hit the Button, MathsFrame/SpellingFrame and Times Tables Rock Stars to name but a few. Other helpful ones are listed on our website also.

Should you need to speak to a member of staff, whilst your child is absent and self-isolating, please ring the school office as normal. However, should the school close and you need to speak to a member of staff regarding an urgent matter to do with your child's home learning, please use the following professional email addresses. The school trusts that these email addresses are used responsibly and appropriately by all during normal working hours in term time and for the purpose mentioned. Staff will do their best to respond promptly.

Nursery - missgrant@homefieldprimary.co.uk

Reception - mrsjones@homefieldprimary.co.uk & mrspayne@homefieldprimary.co.uk

Year 1 - mrsroutledge@homefieldprimary.co.uk & mrsrandell@homefieldprimary.co.uk

Year 2 - misseverett@homefieldprimary.co.uk

Year 3 - missclark@homefieldprimary.co.uk

Year 4 - missstudley@homefieldprimary.co.uk

Year 5 - mrsnewman@homefieldprimary.co.uk

Year 6 - missbattle@homefieldprimary.co.uk

If pastoral support is needed, please contact Mrs. Clarke at mrsclarke@homefieldprimary.co.uk

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a voucher scheme that the government has just announced.

Reduced Services

From Monday the government has stipulated schools are providing care ahead of education, as a result of the mix of ages and reduced pupil numbers schools will be dealing with. Therefore, pupils at school will be completing tasks mirroring those set for the children who are learning at home.

Our reduced staffing will mean we will be operating from 8:00AM to 4:00PM each weekday. There will be no normal breakfast or after-school clubs' service and only packed lunches will be provided for those requiring one. If you do not require a packed lunch, you will need to ensure your child has one for each day they are in school.

Pupils will not need to wear school uniform whilst attending school, but please ensure they have a change of footwear should they go outside.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it is far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via the main school office.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Above all, we wish everyone to be fit, healthy and safe. Despite the situation, together we will do our best to ensure the pupils remains as unaffected as possible and can continue with their learning.

Yours sincerely,

Bradley Young - **Headteacher**

