



19th March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you will no doubt be aware, the Government has made a number of announcements in relation to measures to prevent the further spread of Coronavirus Covid-19.

The health and safety of our pupils, staff and the wider school community is, as always, our number one priority and as you know, we have been closely following all Government guidance relating to the virus. We have also taken all the necessary precautions since the national outbreak to prevent it from impacting our school and to keep pupils safe.

Yesterday the Government announced that schools will close on Friday for all but the most vulnerable children and those children with parents who are deemed to be 'key workers'.

Therefore, regrettably I have to inform you that we will be partially closing the school from the end of Friday 20th March until further notice.

We are still awaiting exact confirmation from the Government as to which children they will be expecting to be in school from Monday. We realise this is not ideal and presents a significant challenge for families and for school planning; however, we do expect further information will be made available before the weekend.

Whilst we understand that this is also likely to cause disruption for those families with children who are required to stay at home, we have robust plans in place so that your child can continue their education during this time. As always, we are committed to ensuring that our pupils receive the best possible education and will be working hard to minimise the impact of the closure on your child's education.

All children will be issued with a home learning pack which includes a range of maths, English and topic based activities. Your child's log-in details for our on-line learning are included in the pack. It also includes a range of free websites where you and your child can access appropriate learning materials and activities. We do not want children to spend all their time on line. It is important that they make things, read books, draw and write too. Each class has an email address which you can use to correspond with your child's teacher should you have any queries or questions. The packs should provide enough work until the Easter holidays, after which time we will provide you with additional resources.

Our main point of contact with you all will be through Marvellous Me and our facebook page. If you have not signed up to Marvellous Me or have changed your phone and no longer have the access please see a member of staff/email immediately to request one. You can also find home-learning information on our school website.

Further information specific to your child will follow. However, in the meantime I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this unprecedented situation.

Yours sincerely,

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