

20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The government has taken the decision to close schools across England from **Friday 20th March**. In accordance with this our school will close at **3.30pm** on Friday.

Until further notice, schools in England will be expected to play a new role in support of vulnerable learners and key workers. This will involve the school being open for some of our pupils. We have been directly contacting families to establish information that will help us to ensure continued access to education either in school for key pupils or as part of our home learning provision, thank you for helping us with this.

Next week we will aim to ensure all pupils have a home learning pack. If pupils have not been able to attend school this week due to self-isolation, you can collect this from the school office when you are able to do so.

Teachers will be working across this period of school closure to provide a range relevant online learning tasks to supplement the home learning packs. Please support teachers by ensuring your children complete them. It is very important to us that children's entitlement to learning continues during the period of school closure and we hope this will support you in structuring activities throughout the days to come.

Children have access to a number of home learning resources including Mathletics, Purple Mash and Espresso in KS1 with the addition of Times Table Rockstars and Google Classroom in KS2. Your child should have their log in details in their home reading diaries but if these have been misplaced, you can call the school office who will be able to share log in information or passwords with you.

In the home learning packs you will find guidance on using Mathletics and guidance on accessing Google Classroom (KS2 pupils only). You will also find a suggested timetable to structure home learning experiences. We will alert you to new tasks uploaded to the website via text message at weekly intervals.

For EYFS and KS1 parents, teachers will be making calls to discuss learning tasks with you at key intervals and offer any help or support you might need. In Key Stage 2, pupils will be asked to submit a small number of tasks each week through Google Classroom and teachers will be able to feedback to pupils on their outcomes. Throughout term time and within school hours there will be accessibility to the parent room to change reading books should you wish to do so.

We are working with our catering company to establish ways in which we can continue to offer free school meals to those families who are eligible. We will communicate further information about this next week.

My thanks to all parents and learners for their patience and calmness during these challenging times. Please do contact the school office if we can be of support to you or you have any questions. Although there will be a reduced staffing structure, leaders will be available throughout the term time dates. We will continue to keep you updated when new information becomes available to us regarding return to school.

Kind regards,

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher