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"Shaping Lives, Shaping Futures"

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it" Proverbs 22:6

20th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following government guidelines, the school officially closes at 3pm today for all pupils except children of key workers, those with an EHCP plan those currently supported by social services. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, carers and the broader school community for your continued support, particularly in recent weeks, which have become increasingly difficult for us all.

Key workers and vulnerable pupils

For those parents whose child/children will be attending school during this period, you will receive a letter to confirm their place along with details of arrangements, including wrap around care and which days you will require the provision. If you have not received a letter, then we are expecting that your child will be appropriately cared for at home and therefore, please do not bring your child into school on Monday. If you think that you qualify as a key worker, please contact the school as soon as possible.

If you are currently self-isolating but are a key worker or the parent of a vulnerable child, please contact the school for further information when your 14- day quarantine period is coming to an end.

Supporting your child's learning at home

Although the school will be closed to the vast majority of our pupils, our dedicated team of staff are still here to support your child in the best way that they can. Your child's class teacher will send work home via Parentmail at the start of every week during term time until further notice.

The activities that will be sent to you will be age appropriate and can include research, online tasks and written work. The school can provide an exercise book for your child to record their work in where required.

Reception parents are encouraged to upload photographs of work and activities onto their child's Tapestry account. For all pupils, it is imperative that your child has opportunity to read and to listen to stories on a daily basis as well as regular practice of their spellings.

With the pack of work sent to you, there will be an email address to enable you to communicate with the class teacher. If you have any queries or require any further support with the work, please contact us via email and we will work with you to support your child's learning. The subject header of your email must detail your child's name and class.

A record of all work sent out will be kept and we ask that where appropriate, completed work is sent back to school so staff can provide feedback and further support your child's learning. Staff will endeavour to respond swiftly to communications from parents but we politely request your patience and understanding in this matter.

Much of the work sent out can be completed online but if you require a paper version, this can be provided. Please email us using stjohns01562@gmail.com. Paper copies will then be left in a box outside the front office for you to collect at the start of every week. We are also providing every child with an exercise book today. If your child is not in school today, then one can also be collected from the same place as the work packs.

Free school meals

For pupils in receipt of Free School Meals, packed lunches will be available for you to collect on a daily basis from the foyer in the main entrance of the school. If you are currently in self-isolation, a hamper of food for the week can be delivered to you on a Monday. Please contact the office if this is required, preferably by Friday of the previous week if this is possible. This service will be provided by our own staff and we would appreciate parents using the facility courteously and with care for the staff making the delivery. All children attending school will receive a meal in school as usual.

At this time, we cannot say when the school will reopen to all, but be reassured that we will keep you updated over the forthcoming weeks. To parents working on the front line and in key roles to support our community, we as a staff, extend our appreciation and gratitude to you all. As we look forward, let's work together to follow government guidelines to protect each other. Please take care, keep safe and look after each other.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Lowe
Headteacher