



Learning and Caring Together,
“...they will flourish in the courts of our God.” (Psalm 92:13)

Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

As you are aware, from the end of day today, our school will be closed to the majority of children. I am writing tonight to inform you of routines for 'home learning packs', free school meals and keeping in touch.

Home Learning Packs

As I communicated yesterday, the children will be bringing learning packs home tonight (as well as an Easter egg – thank you PTFA)! A letter explaining the contents has been emailed to you today. There are packs for weeks commencing 23rd March, 30th March and 20th April. Your child's pack can be kept at home and if we remain closed beyond this, we will communicate how we share resources between home and school.

Free School Meals

Mrs Fryer will be communicating with all families that are eligible for Pupil Premium free school meals today. Weekly food boxes/care packages containing, for example, bread, meat, cheese, tuna, fruit and cake will be made available for parents/carers to collect from our school entrance on Mondays between 11.30am and 3.30pm.

Keeping in touch

Due to limited staffing, the school office phone line/email and SIMS in touch email account will not be available for parents to access after Monday 23rd March, during school closure. We will be available for any final queries and questions on Monday 23rd and Mrs Leese will check her account and phone messages and will respond to safeguarding/welfare, as appropriate each day following this. She will also 'keep in touch' with some families as part of her weekly routine and provide remote support and advice as needed.

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We will keep you updated with information via our website and email as it becomes available. These updates will not be daily or form part of a routine but we will endeavour to update you promptly with all you need to know.

Child care provision for specific children and 'key worker' families

Thank you for your responses regarding key worker eligibility for our child care provision. May I reiterate, it is imperative that the child care provision we offer is used responsibly. Many working parents may be able to keep their child at home, for example, if they can work from home or the child can be looked after by another adult within the household. **The government guidelines are clear that every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.** Our provision will be sustainable for a longer period if it is used responsibly.

We are currently working your responses and will be in touch with parents later today to confirm eligibility and arrangements for Monday and beyond. I ask that you are patient in relation to this. I can assure you that this will follow at some point (and hopefully earlier than midnight 😊).

The provision will be reviewed on a weekly basis. Senior leaders will be reviewing pupil numbers and staffing capacity. I will keep you updated promptly on any changes made.

I would like to thank you for your kind words and the thanks received by many for the efforts of my team who are committed to the national response in dealing with the challenging times that we are facing. I thank you also for your response and wish you all good health and happiness as you spend time together at home. We also wish all special ladies a Happy Mother's Day and that you all have a happy Easter.

With very best wishes



Mrs Machin
Principal

