

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you on the situation regarding Coronavirus as it applies to us here at school following yesterday's announcement that **all schools in England will close for most pupils** until February half term.

We have had to respond to a fast moving situation and I apologise for any inconvenience that this has caused. As always, we are working in the best interest of our children, staff and the local community and I thank you once again for your support in this.

Throughout the school closure, we will be working hard to provide your children with remote learning and teachers have already prepared work packs for every child. The packs are ready for collection from the school office at your convenience but please continue to observe social distancing and to wear a mask when collecting them.

Weekly learning activities will also be detailed on the school website under the 'Home Learning' tab from Monday. This will include daily lessons for numeracy and literacy, with video links to make the activities appealing for the children, and additional activities linked to the foundation subjects to be completed during the week.

As in last year's school closure, we would like the children to share the work that they complete with their teachers electronically. The teachers will also be available to support remote learning via their School 360 emails and will respond to any queries that you have.

As our school is now open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers only, who must request a place in advance, we have made some changes to our school organisation that will come into effect from tomorrow:

- Children of critical workers, including those in nursery, will all start school at 9.00.
- Children of critical workers in nursery will finish school at 12.00.
- Children of critical workers in Reception to year 6 will finish school at 3.00.
- Children of critical workers in nursery and Reception classes should be dropped off and picked up from the nursery entrance.
- Children of critical workers in Year 1 and 2 classes should be dropped off and picked up from Mrs Pirie's classroom.
- Children of critical workers in Year 3 and 4 classes should be dropped off and picked up from Mrs Horsley's classroom.
- Children of critical workers in Year 5 and 6 classes, who make their own way to school, should enter and leave the school as normal but at the times specified above.

Again, please continue to observe social distancing and to wear a mask when on the school site.

The above arrangements also apply to vulnerable children whose parents will be contacted separately so that any individual needs can be catered for.

The school can provide a lunch for the children in school, if requested, but there will be a limited menu available and meals will need to be ordered in school on a daily basis as 'Live Kitchen' will not be available.

Children who are not in school but are entitled to income-based free school meals will be provided with supermarket vouchers via the 'Huggg' online system that was in place over the Christmas holiday. A member of staff will contact you about this once we have been informed that the system is up and running again.

Mrs Pirie and I will be available throughout the school closure to discuss any concerns that you may have, including safeguarding concerns with regard to children who are in school or at home.

Finally, and most importantly, I hope that you and your families remain safe during this extremely worrying time for us all.

Yours sincerely

Mr K Vardy

Headteacher