



19 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Following yesterday's announcement by the Prime Minister that schools in England would close at the end of the day on Friday 20 March 2020, I would like to thank you all for your patience and words of support to NPAT school staff this morning in schools. I have received feedback from our Headteachers and Senior Leaders that NPAT parents have been overwhelmingly supportive and we are very grateful for this support at this difficult and challenging time.

You should all have received separate communication today regarding provision from Monday 23 March onwards for children of key workers or children who are deemed to be vulnerable. If you fall into this category, please ensure that you only use this provision to enable you to work, and only if you do not have another adult at home who is able to look after your child.

The government also announced yesterday that there would be no formal assessments for primary school children this academic year. This means that there will be no Key Stage 1 teacher assessments or Key Stage 2 SATs, no Year 1 phonics check, no Year 4 Mathematics test and no reporting of Early Year Foundation Stage outcomes. As a result of this, there will also be no release of school performance tables later in the year.

Teachers in our schools, along with the NPAT Education Team, are busy working on developing a range of home learning resources for you and your children to access during the school closure. Schools will send out further information about this over the coming days if they have not already done so, so please ensure that they have your up-to-date contact details including an email address.

We are also currently liaising with Dolce, our catering provider, to try to provide children who are eligible for free school meals with the opportunity to collect a 'grab bag' each day from a specified venue. We are hoping to be able to confirm details of this tomorrow.

From Monday it is essential that we monitor the impact of Covid-19 on our families, so if your child, or a member of your family, becomes ill over the coming weeks and receives a positive diagnosis of Covid-19, please could you inform the school using the absence email address that will be sent to you by the school.

During the period of school closure, if you have any questions regarding Covid-19 please use the Helpline number provided by the Department for Education:

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10.00am to 4.00pm (Saturday to Sunday)

Finally, please could I remind all parents of the Government advice that children who are not in schools should be avoiding all social contact, but especially contact with people who may be particularly vulnerable to the impact of Covid-19. For this reason, children should not be left with grandparents or vulnerable adults as childcare providers.

We will continue to update parents on a regular basis with important information as we receive it, but please do regularly check on the school and NPAT websites. Thank you for your continued support and for working with us positively in the weeks that lie ahead.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kedwards".

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