



Newsletter

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School Updates

Dear Parents,

We wanted you to know that we will do whatever it takes to keep the school open unless directed otherwise. Our job is to ensure the children are looked after and kept safe and that families can keep going to work and earning money. We want to make sure that children can keep coming to school and having a normal childhood while the current situation resolves itself.

To ensure that, we have had to take some additional measures.

Staffing. We have had to take the decision to send some staff home on a long term basis due to them being in a vulnerable group. Mrs Alexander, Mrs Hatchett and Mrs Trevaskis will either be working from home or in school away from the children.

Mrs Alexander will be covered by Miss Wong with Mrs McDonnell supporting. Mr Greenhalgh will also be covering one day a week in Zebras.

Mrs Hatchett will be covered by Mrs Kennedy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and by Mrs Ibbs Thursday and Friday. We also have a final placement Teaching Student starting on Thursday, Miss Boreham.

Mrs Trevaskis will be covered on a Monday in Kangaroos by Mrs Lockyer and on Tuesdays in Penguins by Mrs Burningham.

Child illness and self-isolation. If your child has a new cough and a temperature, then please keep them at home. Current government guidelines is then to self-isolate the entire family for 14 days. If you decide to self-isolate then please do let the school know. Children will not be allowed back into school until after they have fully recovered and the 14 days have passed.

If we are even slightly concerned over the wellbeing of any child we will be sending them home straight away. We do understand the impact this will have on parents but in the current climate we hope you will understand. In most cases a child sent home is likely to have one of the usual bugs that are around at this time of year but we will err on the side of caution. If we send a child home this does not mean they have to self-isolate. That only needs to happen if they have a high temperature and a cough.

Assemblies and parent visits to school. For the foreseeable future all school assemblies will be cancelled and we will not be having any parent activities in school. This is a very difficult decision to make as parents feeling welcomed and part of the school is very important to us but we feel it is the right decision at this time.

School trips. We will be cancelling all school trips for this academic year. Any parents who have paid can get a refund from the school. If we are advised later in the year it is safe to go on trips we will look at that then.

Possible school closures. We are currently planning for the event of the Government shutting all schools. We have no information at the moment about this. As soon as we know anything we will let parents know.

If this happens we are planning to send home resources with the children for you to use. We will also have staff email, on a regular basis, new work for you to do to keep the children going while not at school. You will be given your teachers email address for you to ask any questions about the work you have. We are also looking at producing a pack of work for parents to come up to school to collect, if you are unable to access the work by email. We will also have a member of staff available to speak to by phone at set points throughout the day. If you need any help or support at all, if you are worried about your child or another child or if you just need someone to chat to in this very difficult time there will be someone available for you. All this information will come home with your child in the event of us being told to close by the Government.

After School Clubs. Both our Breakfast and Afterschool club will continue to run as normal. As the Junior School have decided to stop all afterschool clubs, if you need afterschool provision then please see Mrs Edney in the school office. Afterschool club is £6.50 a night and runs to 5:30pm and Breakfast club is £3.50 and starts at 7:45am.

We think this is the perfect time to pull together as a school community. If you need any help or support, please do ask. If you are self-isolating and you need someone to pick up basic supplies for you and you have no one else, then please ring us and we will do all we can to help. Please don't sit at home worrying we are all in this together.

If you know someone in the community that needs help, then again please do say and we can see what we can do directly or what charities and other agencies we have access to that can support.

If you are worried about anything and you need someone to talk to, then as a school we are always here for you.

The school motto at the moment is to 'Keep calm and carry on'. In this very fast moving and changing situation we will keep you informed with any developments as soon as we know.

Thank you all for your support at the moment.

Matt Greenhalgh
Headteacher