



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all waking up each day to an ever changing world. Predictability, routines and knowing what will happen next are all things that help ground us; and I know that we are all drawing upon our resilience to stay positive each day.

Children, you will now be realising that most of you will not see your teachers for some time. You need to know that we will be staying in touch – by letter, by email, by website, by phone, by text. Teaching staff will be thinking about their classes; planning and sending work; assessing work which you have already done; and getting ready for when you return to school.

I do not yet know when this will be.

I will plan with the team for the next two weeks of closure, and then for the post-Easter period. Any information I have, I will continue to share with you – via the website updates, letters and texts.

From Monday 23rd March until Friday 3rd April, the school site will be open to those staff who are able to attend. We will also be open to the children of essential workers, and some others, assessed on a case by case basis: based on pupil need and the needs of families who are employed in essential service industries. Please contact us at school and speak with Miss Johnson or me if you think this applies to you. We are happy to talk with you, though we will not always know the answers to your questions straight away!

In response to this, we will plan an educational programme for children who need to be at school every day. This will not be based upon ad hoc choices – but an understanding that this is special provision, tailored to specific families and agreed with the school, with a commitment that children attend each day. The school day will run from 8:45am to 1pm.

We will continue to provide school meals for those who request them, in the form of packed-lunch-style carry outs. If you have had a letter, please phone us to let us know if you'd like lunches prepared. There will be timed pick-ups from the school hall, spaced between 10am and 12pm each day.

The school office is open (next week this will be from 8:45 to 1pm), and we are available to answer your queries, in person, or by phone: 0115 9003610

Home learning packs are ready. They will be either: handed to children today; collected by family members who can attend to pick up; hand-delivered; or sent by post. We are keeping a record of everyone who has received their pack.

I will write to you again tomorrow, and keep you updated.

I wish you good health. Try to stay positive – these times will pass.

Ms J Bromley

Principal