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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace
1 Peter 4:10*

Work together, learn together, grow together...

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Covid-19 Update Number 6 - school closure to most pupils

Thank you to those of you who have responded to my earlier letter of today. We have been waiting for the LA/Government to advise us as to the definition of 'Key Worker' so that we can confirm whether your child will be able to attend school next week. I will let you have further information as soon as this becomes available.

In the meantime, we have been preparing for school closure and have put together some packs of resources for your children to bring home with them (one per family). I have also asked class teachers to provide your children with school reading books.

The children will bring their belongings home, eg. PE kits, wellington boots etc. If your child is no longer in school, and you are not self-isolating, please feel free to drop by and pick up their belongings tomorrow.

We have been adding information to your child's class page on the school website. We have included a 'Suggested Daily Planner'. Please use this if you think it will help you to structure your child's time at home. We understand that some people will welcome this guidance and others will decide what is most appropriate for their children and the circumstances surrounding their home life.

We will be giving you a class email address tomorrow so that you can stay in touch with your child's class teacher during the school closure. We are asking that you limit your use of this email to a maximum of once per day. The purpose of the email contact will be to ask questions about your child's learning. Any other communications or queries should go to the email address at the head of this letter.

You should find enough information on your child's class page to provide learning activities until at least the end of next week and possibly going into the first week of the summer term. You will also find a list of home learning websites which you might like to explore with your children.

Our teachers will be uploading learning plans on a fortnightly basis starting from Monday 20th April (first week of the summer term). They will also be writing a weekly letter to the children in their class. All of this will be on your child's class page on the website.

Finally, I am going to be giving all of our children some safeguarding information to take home with them. Some parents will question the relevance of this for their children. However, if in doing this we are able to offer a safety net to even one child, it will have been worth it. I hope I can count on you to agree with this decision.

Thank you so much for your kind words of encouragement - it has been lovely to know that we are supported by our community and that there are so many kind and thoughtful people out there wanting to help one another.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'L Green', enclosed within a light gray rectangular border.

Laura Green

Executive Head Teacher