

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the announcement today from the Secretary of State for Education we are now moving to the next phase of control for coronavirus. I would like to take this opportunity thank you all for sharing our approach and supporting us in trying to maintain a calm atmosphere to the current situation for our children. Unfortunately from Monday 23rd March school will no longer be open for all children.

As the situation has now changed I would ask that any of you who are designated as key workers if you could indicate to us if you require your child to attend school to allow you to continue your work, either full time or part-time, as soon as possible.

Staff will be sending out activities for your children to complete at home. We are not planning to send out numerous worksheets which can be dull, costly to the environment and require supervision from parents. Instead we are asking that you continue with daily reading and discussion around understanding of what has been read, practice of arithmetic maths and practical activities as well as topic and online learning suggestions. We will aim to update class pages on the website fortnightly to suggest additional learning opportunities. We hope that you will be able to take this enforcement as an opportunity to spend some quality time with your children, in today's hectic lifestyle this is indeed a luxury, and be able to play games, be creative and spend some quality family time together. Please be mindful that lessons in school will take longer to introduce and teach than the 1:1 support your child will receive at home. We would therefore suggest that you spend no longer than 3 hours per day, including breaks on school suggested activities. We will aim to use the school website to maintain contact between pupils, parents and school, please check the website regularly.

If your child is in Year 2 or 6 then please reassure them that SATs this year will not take place. We know that the children have already been working incredibly hard and this will be shared with Year 3 and Year 7 staff. Whilst at the moment we have no idea how long school closures will be enforced, please reassure Year 6 children that we will definitely plan to do something to celebrate their time at Creeping even if this is after the summer holidays.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals the government has announced that you will receive assistance during the closure. I will be in touch with you personally to discuss this.

I sincerely hope that in these unprecedented times that you and your families are safe and well. I look forward to welcoming you all back to school as soon as possible and send my very best wishes to you all.

Mrs Christine Friar