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RE: School Closure

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Government has now instructed all schools to close to most pupils and therefore, we will close at 3.20pm tomorrow, Friday 20th March, until further notice. We are sorry that this is the case, but now is the time to put in place the procedures we have been planning.

From Monday, the school will continue to open to those pupils of 'key workers'. A list of criteria has not yet been published by the government but we will put this on the school website and notify you by text as soon as we receive it. Children who should continue to attend school are **either** those children of **single parents** who are identified as key workers, or those children where **both** parents are keyworkers. Subject to us receiving the criteria, could I ask parents to confirm with school by the end of the day on Friday, either in person, by email or telephone if you are a key worker **and** require provision for your child.

The school will also be open for pupils whose family have other vulnerable circumstances identified by the government (but the school will contact those people directly).

All other families must stay at home. The motivation behind the Government instructions are to reduce the risk of the spread of infection and the most effective way is to keep your children at home.

We are keen to ensure as little disruption as possible to learning for all pupils, especially for those who are at home. Health permitting, all staff will continue to work with children who are at home by setting learning tasks on class blogs.

Should you need to, you are able to contact staff via the school office email address which is office@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk. Your email will be immediately forwarded to them so they can respond. Staff will not be able to respond to emails that do not come directly through the school office email account.

We plan to staff the office between 8.45am and 3.30pm each day and welcome phone calls and emails in particular. We would appreciate it greatly if you could avoid coming to school to ask questions if your child is not at school, but if it is essential to do so, this will be ok.

Children Eligible for Free School Meals

Whilst yet to be confirmed, we understand that pupils attending the school from Monday will receive their usual school meal entitlement. We also understand that parents/carers of all children who are eligible for the pupil premium, but are at home, will be able to collect a free packed lunch from a designated site in school Monday to Friday. We will update this information as soon as we can.



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What to do if you are concerned about something

If your child is not one of those in school and there is anything at all that you think we can help you with, please contact the school office who will forward your email to whoever you wish it to go to. We will aim to respond as soon as possible.

Tasks and activities for pupils

We would like to ask parents and carers to support their children in doing the following tasks for the next two weeks:

1. Read a book of your choice for 15 minutes each day and keep a diary of what has been read
2. All children have been given a login to 'Sumdog'. This is a personalised online system of learning for reading, spelling and maths that we have chosen to use with pupils both in school and at home. Everyone will have the same access to learning as each other. It is full of activities, which the teacher will select for the children. Simply log on using the child's username and the tasks assigned will be there to complete. Please visit <https://www.sumdog.com/sch/wpr> to test your login today and let us know tomorrow if there are any problems.
3. For all classes except Year 6, other work/activities/tasks will be set using the class blogs on the school website. Please check the blog every day for information and updates. The links for each class are below:

Early Years	www.worksoppriory.info/blogs/fsu/
Year 1	www.worksoppriory.info/blogs/y1/
Year 2	www.worksoppriory.info/blogs/y2/
Year 3	www.worksoppriory.info/blogs/y3/
Year 4	www.worksoppriory.info/blogs/y4/
Year 5	www.worksoppriory.info/blogs/y5/
Year 6	www.worksoppriory.info/blogs/y6/ and www.office.com

Each child has been sent home with a workbook in which to complete their tasks. The pages are blank as there will be a range of different activities for children to undertake, including drawing. Each child also has a line guide (for writing) and a squared paper guide (for maths work). ***If your child was not in school today, you are welcome to come to the school office tomorrow to pick up your child's resources or arrange for someone else to pick them up on your behalf.***

Children who complete all of the set tasks (we anticipate tasks will take about 2 hours per day in total and can be completed at any time) will be rewarded on their return to school.

Year 6 pupils have been given a Chrome book to help them complete the tasks set. They have a login to Office365 online using an email address we have created for them. They have been shown how to access the Teams account for Year 6 to help them to complete their work and to communicate with Mrs Larkin, Mrs Howard and I. If there are any problems logging on, please drop into the school office before the end of the day on Friday, or use the email address given above.

Just because the school will be closed to many children, it doesn't mean we are no longer there to help and support. Please ask if you think we can help. We hope that you are able to keep safe and look forward to the day when the school is once again able to open to all pupils.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Phil Abbott
Headteacher

