

Woodcroft Primary School



Coronavirus update 20.03.2020

Dear Parents/carers

Thank you for your patience over the last couple of days whilst we are working through the information that has come out from the government regarding school closures. As you are aware, following the government's announcement on Wednesday, Woodcroft Primary school will close at 3:15pm today, for the vast majority of pupils. At this time we do not have a decision on how long this closure will be for.

We will be open for only a small number of pupils of identified Key Workers, but it is clear from the government guidance that, *'If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.'* During this time, the school will be operated with minimum staff, in order to ensure that we are 'socially distancing' ourselves wherever possible.

The teachers will be creating packs of work for all children which will include a piece of Maths and English each day, as well as a variety of other activities that can be completed throughout the week. These packs will be delivered every Monday to each child's home. As you can imagine, this will be logistically challenging, but we believe it is very important for children to maintain a level of education through this period of uncertainty. Teachers will be available through 'Dojo' if your child has any queries regarding the work.

We will also be keeping in touch as often as possible, via phone, which is an opportunity for the teachers to discuss work with your child and offer support in any way we can. If your child currently receives ELSA support then they may also receive a call from their ELSA worker.

Currently there is no voucher scheme available for those pupils entitled to a Free School Meal. Therefore, we have organised to deliver approximately 90 packed lunches each day. We will endeavour to do this between 11am and 1pm. If you do require assistance with food parcels during this time then please let us know and we will help in any way we can. When we deliver food or work packs, our staff will be wearing gloves and they will 'drop and go'. Please don't be offended by this, but we are trying to make sensible precautions for the welfare of yourselves and our staff.

Clearly, this is an extremely unique situation that both children and adults will find difficult over the coming weeks and months. If at any point you or your child just needs to talk things through then we are here to support you. Please message your child's teacher through Dojo or Tapestry (Year R) and a member of staff will contact you as soon as possible.

I would like to thank you all for your understanding and support during this time.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Fanning
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