



Kirkby Church of England Primary School

"Building on a tradition of achievement and values in a caring environment"

19th March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you will be aware, Coronavirus is a rapidly changing situation and we have been working with the Department for Education, Public Health England and Knowsley Council to plan for such a pandemic.

As per the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday we have been directed to close schools for most children. We are prepared and ready to respond to this challenge.

We are writing to inform you that school will close on Friday 20th March at 3.20pm (After school club 5.30pm) and remain closed until further notice. Parents should check the school website for updates which will be posted weekly. (www.kirkbycofe.co.uk)

Pupils have already been provided with packs of work and in addition there will further activities they can access on their class page of the website. The work will be updated on a weekly basis. If you do not have internet access at home please contact the school office and we will arrange for regular work/activities to be posted out. .

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open from Monday 23rd March for the following groups:

- children with an EHCP or a social worker – we will contact you separately
- children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services)

Please contact school if you are a key worker and require this provision. School may ask you for further information about your role. School will also ask you for further detail about your requirements – eg. if you need the place all week for example.

We encourage you and your children to continue to follow Public Health England advice on keeping yourselves safe. Updated information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Pupils who are eligible for free school meals will have their lunches provided for them. Further information about this will be communicated to these families in due course.

Energy difficulties - The Government has announced that energy suppliers won't shut people off and that families should contact their supplier in the first instance.

The next few weeks and months certainly look like being difficult times. If at any time you require any assistance that you feel school may be able to help you with please ring the following number and someone will return your call ASAP. **Tel: 07395763866**

Sending you all best wishes; stay healthy and hopefully see you all again soon.

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