



Coronavirus Update 19th March

Dear all,

Before anything else I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all parents who have shared messages of support or thanks, we really are doing our best to stay open and provide the best for our families. I know that it can be unsettling when things change.

As I am sure you already know, government have instructed all schools to close from the end of day tomorrow, 20th March 2020, until further notice to the majority of pupils. School will remain open in a reduced capacity to certain pupils e.g. those of NHS workers, those with an EHCP or those with a social worker, we are still waiting for the list to be confirmed.

If you think you may be a key worker please follow this link and complete this survey by no later than 5pm tonight 19th March 2020:

<https://surveyhero.com/c/9f0e8c0a> for Staple Hill Parents

<https://surveyhero.com/c/bfaf50db> For Kings' Forest and Little Forest Parents

Once the DFE and government have confirmed the list, we will compare the list to the results of the survey and confirm with parents if we are able to offer schooling from Monday for your child/children.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

I will write again tomorrow with further details around how we will continue to support those families who are entitled to free school meals, how those staying at home can access home learning and all other arrangements.

Please note that school leaders were not given any advance notice of the government's plans, we were told at the same time as you so please bear with us; be kind whilst we work through the details.

SATs and phonics screening check

In his announcement last night, the secretary of state also announced the cancellation of all tests including SATs and the Phonics test. I know how disappointing this is for the children and teachers as they have worked so hard towards these. We do not know yet the full plans the government has but be assured we will ensure that secondary schools have the information they need about all Year 6 pupils to aid transition.

Staff update: [Changes/updates are in blue for the next two days](#)

Staple Hill

Staff absent	Arrangements
Miss Shield	Due to the number of children absent we are combining both Reception classes into one with a teacher for the next few days. Please note that only 26 pupils were in Reception yesterday.
Miss Peters	
Mrs Pollard	All clubs have been cancelled, no daily mile
Mrs Ferguson	As only 12 pupils remain they will be split into two groups and taught in Primrose or Sunflower for Thursday and Friday
Mrs Dawes	Please direct any urgent concerns to your child's class teacher or Mrs Boulton



Mrs Rice (Crossing Guard)	South Glos. Road safety team have taken the decision to ask Mrs Rice to withdraw as a precaution. Therefore there will be no crossing guard for the next few weeks. Please take additional caution on the crossings.
Miss Hutson	

Kings' Forest

Staff absent	Arrangements
Mr Black	Mrs Wiltshire will look after the class with Ms Keddie for the rest of this week and we will confirm arrangements for next week ASAP
Mrs Jarman-Davis	Miss Robbins and Mrs Grabham will cover the next few days with the aim of a supply teacher taking over on Friday.
Mrs Lewis	Mrs Lewis is still on compassionate leave and Miss White will continue in Yr 1 next week

Key information from yesterday:

Food bank appeal:

During this difficult time, many families income has been impacted upon and the need to access foodbanks is becoming higher than ever. Should schools be mandated to close, the need for this service becomes even more vital. Therefore, we are asking that if you can spare anything from the list below please send it into school so we can pass it on to the foodbank and support local families in need.

Foodbank Donation shopping list:

Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Mushrooms, Tinned Meatballs, Tinned Veg Curry, Rice, Boxed/Drum Mashed Potatoes, Coffee, Tinned Minced Beef, Tinned Stews, Pasta Sauce Sachets, Boxed Soup, Shampoo, Deodorants, Shaving Foam, Soap, Washing Up Liquid

Finally

I know that mass school closure is extremely hard on working families and the children. We do not know how long we will be closed for but please be assured that I will keep you all updated as we receive further information, as the situation progresses and throughout the school closure period.

As a partnership of schools, we are committed to supporting our community the best we can whilst we go through this difficult time. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to be part of that support effort and give your time and resources, it is greatly appreciated.

Tomorrow I will confirm how you can contact us should you need any help or support during the school closure period.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Kind regards



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