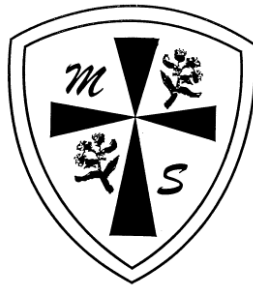


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Dear Parents,

Following the Government's decision this evening to close of all schools again, Marcham CE Primary School will be closed to all pupils from tomorrow, except for children of keyworkers and the most vulnerable children. The timing of this decision has given us little time to make arrangements but we will be open tomorrow for children from those groups.

However, it is important to remember that the reason for the closure of schools is to limit contact in order to slow down the spread of the Coronavirus. I am sure that you would not choose to make your children more vulnerable to the infection by unnecessarily exposing them to the possibility of catching it or transmitting it to your household and beyond. Please, if you can, keep your child at home.

We await more specific guidance from the Government about the definition of key workers and once this has been made clear we can make decisions about eligibility. A list of the jobs deemed to be in this category from the previous lockdown has been attached. If you believe that your child is eligible, you will be asked **tomorrow** to confirm your role and to submit some additional information to school which will help us to plan our support. Vulnerable children are those children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care plans. Again, do send your child in to school and confirmation will be given to you if your child is within this category.

We will be providing work via Google Classrooms and Tapestry as soon as we feasibly can and have already been in discussion as staff and governors about how we can better help you to support your children at home. In the meantime, however, may we remind you that there are many ways in which you can help your child at home without direction from school.

**Reading:** We cannot state how important it is to spend time reading with your child. It's fundamental. It's essential. It's transformational... Please not only read with your child but talk about the book: discuss vocabulary, talk about the characters and see where your discussions can take you.

"Reading...feeds pupils' imagination and opens up a treasure-house of wonder and joy for curious young minds."

**Times Table RockStars:** Children can continue to challenge themselves and each other.

**Spelling Shed:** KS2 pupils should continue to use this.

This letter is just to inform you of our immediate plans. We will contact you with more details later this week.

Keep safe and look after each other.

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