

Thursday 19 March 2020

Dear Parents

This is quite possibly the most difficult letter I have ever had to write as a Headteacher and I know we are all feeling the pressure of the situation we all find ourselves in both professionally and personally. On behalf of all of the staff, thank you so much for the feedback we have received from you regarding our approach to and communication regarding the COVID-19 outbreak.

The whole staff team have been working hard to think carefully about how we minimise the impact on your child's education as much as we possibly can. Even though we now know that there are no tests at the end of the academic year, we all remain committed to your child's education and attainment.

For now, our contingency plan takes us up to the Easter holidays and, as we receive further information from the government, we will communicate this with you in the best way that we can.

It is after 9pm as I write to you and I still do not have clear guidance from the government about a number of questions, including the expectation of the length of the school day or the definition of a "key worker" despite these promises being made yesterday. In advance, I am sorry if there are changes I need to make following any announcement from the government.

#### For children who will remain at home

By Monday 23 March, all year groups will be able to access a range of learning opportunities found on the website. The pathway for this is as follows:

[www.meadowvaleprimary.co.uk](http://www.meadowvaleprimary.co.uk)>Curriculum and classes>Home Learning-All year Groups

From Monday 23 March, we will leave children's belongings, such as PE kits, in the front main car park in labelled boxes to be collected from 8.30am to 3pm. There will be one exercise book per child for you to take to record your children's work, should you require it. Children who are in school tomorrow (Friday) will bring one home with them.

A new email has been organised to support parents with any aspect of the curriculum that has been set for home learning. During each afternoon session, a member of the staff team will respond to any queries that have been sent in regarding your child's work. The address is: **[help@meadowvaleprimary.com](mailto:help@meadowvaleprimary.com)**

#### For children who will remain in school

The following applies to children of key worker families, those with Education, Health and Care Plans and those identified by the government as vulnerable.

Children will be registered from 8.30am in the morning and will remain in school until 3.15pm. They will complete the same work as the children who are being asked to stay at home and a timetable of the day will be shared with parents in due course.

Children are required to attend school in their own clothes, if they wish, rather than school uniform. These must be comfortable and suitable for active sessions during the day. School lunches will be available to order via the online system as usual.

For all families

We know how difficult this time will be for our families and want to be able to signpost you to any support that is available within our local community. If you require any support or advice, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or me directly at **head@meadowvaleprimary.com** and we will do everything we can to help.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

With very best regards

Catherine Forrester