



Shaw C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents

Closure of all schools

As you will be aware, the decision has been made to close all schools to **most** children. The last day that Shaw School will be open to is therefore today, Friday 20th March.

This had been widely anticipated and we have put a great deal of effort into planning for this eventuality.

Provision is being made for children of **Key Workers** and **children with EHCPs** to be educated at another Hub school in the local area. More details of this will be given to those requiring this provision as soon as we have it.

What will happen now?

Each day during term time you will receive an email with a timetable and details of the work which your child is to complete during that day. The Key worker and EHCP children who remain in the Hub school will also be following their particular class workplan, supervised by White Horse Federation staff.

If you have any questions or need support regarding the day's work plan, the class teachers will be monitoring their emails until 10am and will respond to queries either individually or in a group email.

Please support your child to complete the work.

The teachers will then monitor their emails again at the end of the morning session and respond to queries.

Teachers will do a final check of emails towards the end of the school day.

You will receive regular emails from the teachers to check that children are completing the work set. You may also be asked for occasional updates on how your child is getting on with the work.

Please reinforce with your child that this is not a holiday from school and it is expected that every child completes school work every day. However, the work set will be designed with the knowledge that everyone's home dynamics will be



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different. Therefore the expectation is that children will complete what is appropriate for them with their family. We recognise that some of you will be working from home as well, with the corresponding demands on your time and any computer equipment.

If your child is too ill to undertake the work then please ensure you let the class teacher know by email so that this can be recorded.

If, due to illness, your class teacher is unable to provide emailed work, we will endeavour to get another member of staff to do this planning. However, this can obviously not be guaranteed. In these circumstances, you should make use of the paper-based home learning packs which have already been sent home.

Free school meals

If your child is entitled to a free school meal, due to you claiming qualifying benefits, the government has announced that there is to be a National Voucher scheme. We will give eligible parents the details of this as soon as we know any information.

Hardship

If you find that you need help with food for your family, please contact me in confidence at head@shaw.wilts.sch.uk and I will endeavour to put you in touch with Melksham Food Bank or other sources of support.

Children with SEND

If your child is on our school's SEN register, or if you have been working closely with Mrs Chappell for other reasons, Mrs Chappell will endeavour to make weekly contact with you by email to check if you need any advice. She can also be contacted at any time on senco@shaw.wilts.sch.uk. Please be aware that she is only contracted to work at Shaw for a day and a half a week, so responses from her may not be as rapid as those from teaching staff.

Safeguarding

If you become concerned about the safety or welfare of any child then please follow the usual channels of informing our school's safeguarding lead, Mr White head@shaw.wilts.sch.uk. Alternatively, you can call the MASH (Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub) yourself on 0300 456 0108.

Re-opening

The school website section on Covid-19, accessed through the button on the front page, will be updated with all current information from central



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government. Please also keep an eye on the national media regarding any plans for re-opening.

Finally, we hope to use Facebook to continue to celebrate some of the amazing learning which the children of Shaw School will continue to do over this period. If you don't yet follow us – do it now!

With sincere best wishes for you and your families.

Kindest regards

Simon White

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HEADTEACHER

