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AS PER GOVERNMENT ADVICE: SCHOOL IS TO CLOSE FROM FRIDAY 20TH MARCH. WE WILL OPEN, OFFERING CHILDCARE ARRANGEMENTS, ON MONDAY 23RD FOR A 'KEY GROUP' ONLY

As advised by the government, school will close from Friday. Parents are advised to read the school website as this will hold all our communications and information - as well as other formats. We will continue to use 'Marvellous Me' (sign up if you've not already!) We are sorry it has come to this - but we are well prepared. We have had an 'emergency leadership team' working on our contingency plans for the past week or so. Therefore we will, subject to staffs' own health, be able to offer 'online classroom work' and ideas to occupy and educate pupils as well as possible in these unusual times.

Y5	Before 9:00am	9:00 – 10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00	Lunchtime - 12:00 - 12:30	12:30 – 1:00	1:00 – 2:00	2:00 – 3:15	3.15 – 4:00	
Mon	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get washed and dressed, any laundry in the basket.	Family walk with the dog (if you have got one!) Indoor Yoga or other exercise if wet. https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga	TT Rock Stars - https://play.itrockstars.com/auth/school Bug Club https://www.scholesterman.com.au/ login?e=1&c=0 Mathematics - https://login.mathletics.co.uk/	Creative Time - Lego, drawing, crafting, music, cooking, baking, coding, painting			Tidy Time - Wipe down kitchen table and chairs, wash and dry kitchen dishes, tidy bedroom and lounge.	Quiet Time - Reading, Puzzles, Nap (No Electronics)	Theme	Afternoon Fresh Air - Bike, Walk the dog, play outside.
Tues								Science		
Wed								Theme		
Thurs								Science		
Fri								Theme/RE		

Also check the government's guidance on staying at home in the case of suspected coronavirus infection. This is based on the most significant symptoms of:

- new continuous cough, and/or
- high temperature (37.8°C)

If children, or anyone in your household develop either of these symptoms, they should be kept at home for a period of 14 days from the onset of the symptoms.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

All trips have been cancelled - hopefully just a postponement but we simply don't know as yet.

KEY GROUP: To include pupils who have an EHCP, have Social Care involvement and/or are children of a 'Key Worker'.* Currently, at time of issuing this newsletter, it is yet to be defined who a 'Key Worker' is and therefore which children will be eligible for this childcare. Until further notice we are classing 'Key Workers' as - those who work are Health workers including nursing staff, Police officers, supermarket delivery drivers and workers looking after the vulnerable and the elderly. **YOU WILL BE ADVISED IF YOUR CHILD IS IN THIS 'KEY GROUP', IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS CHILDCARE, AND CAN ATTEND SCHOOL ON MONDAY - PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD IN IF WE HAVE NOT CONTACTED YOU. If you feel you are a 'key worker' and we have not made contact, please PHONE the school and this will be discussed with you.**

Parents Evening - Due to the current situation, we have made the decision to postpone parents evening.

Home learning - In the event of closure, or self-isolation every child from Rec to Y6 has been provided with an exercise book to record any work that they complete.

Parents of children with Special Educational Needs will have their Spring Term Individual Education Plans re shared. Prior to closing, class teachers will make phone contact with parents of children with Additional Top up Funding or Education Health Care Plans (EHCP) to offer additional advice/ resources.

Thank you for all of your patience and understanding regarding the closure and changing plans this week. As you know, the school community means so much to us all here at William Stockton and Wimboldsley Schools and it is our priority to ensure that we are all being kept safe. We will continue to update our plans in conjunction with government policy with the best interests of the school community at the heart. Please continue to check the Website (we will also use 'Marvellous Me' for messages, 'Google Classroom' and any other technology as time goes on).



From Monday 23rd March 2020

The Government is asking schools to open to provide care for children of **key workers and vulnerable children** – we are able to do this at both Wimboldsley and William Stockton schools. This will be 'reduced provision'.

However from Monday things will be different for all of us.

At WS and W we are willing, whilst we are able, to offer this care for this 'key group of pupils' (as we are calling them – you have all been made aware of the criteria of the group). We also have a duty of care for our own staff and their families. The Federation has a 'Senior Emergency Management Team' that includes our Chair and Vice Chair of Governors. We have created a contingency plan in detail for the first week of us offering 'care' for the key groups of pupils. We have outlined a plan for a month – including the Easter holidays (we've not confirmed Bank Holidays as yet) and we have a skeleton plan for FOUR MONTHS.

Key groups of pupils: Many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be, to help reduce social interaction and slow the virus, which is the primary objective of the closures.** This is an offer to parents and carers and there is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so

CURRENTLY NONE OF OUR STAFF HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED AS HAVING THE CORONAVIRUS.

However some staff are self-isolating (and will return to work after the agreed time) and some have medical conditions which means they will not be present in the school buildings – however they will be working from home trying to keep the class and school sense of community, remotely. Therefore our website is an essential form of communication for us – please encourage your child to use this to help them keep in touch and remain part of their peer group. This is important for children – and us. Many staff from William Stockton will work at Wimboldsley (and vice versa) therefore your child, if in the 'key pupil group' may be with pupils from different year groups with different personnel – however rest assured; there will be staff in each school who know the pupils well.

You have all been informed of things that have been postponed, trips/visits etc. However we will, where we can, arrange trips for the 'Key Group of Pupils' we have in our care whenever possible. Therefore could we ask that you please complete the 'Key Group Consent' form to aid our operations from Monday – this will be sent home Friday 20th and available as a hard copy from the office of each school. PLEASE ENSURE WE RECEIVE THESE BY MONDAY IF POSSIBLE.

The Governors and I would like to thank all of our staff who have been working so hard in school and from home on making sure we, as 'public servants' do our best for our communities at this difficult time. Things will be different, but we hope to keep a sense of community as schools and classes and to keep everyone happy and healthy as much as we can. No doubt there will be difficult things for us to deal with as time goes on and we have a 'recovery plan' in place for when we return to 'business as usual', whenever that is. We will try to maintain our Weekly Newsletters and I have an Executive Head page to put notices on also – but please use the Website generally for information.