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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are, as you know, now unfortunately at the stage that we have been asked to close the school to the majority of pupils.

We are committed to remaining open to support and care for children who meet the Vulnerable Children criteria and for those children of Critical Workers who have no choice but to send their child/children to school so that they can go to work in order to continue to offer critical services as part of the country's ongoing response to the virus.

However, we are also conscious that we are being asked to ensure **social distancing** measures are adhered to and I would ask that you consider your child care needs very carefully before sending your child to school, based on the criteria provided for Vulnerable Children and Critical Workers only. We all need to be very responsible in ensuring we do not spread the virus and that teachers and teaching assistance staff remain well to be able to provide this service as well as protect their own families.

We will only be able to provide this service whilst staff numbers allow. Should we find that we do not have enough staff who can attend, due to illness and self-isolation, then we will be forced to close until such a time that we have enough staff available to safely open again.

As such, from Monday 23rd March, we will be open for children in any year groups where the parent/s consider themselves to be in an occupation that is essential to maintaining the 'fight' against Covid-19. Thank you to all parents who have contacted us with regards to this. A separate email will be sent to those who have asked for this provision. For those children who will be attending school I can assure you that, as far as possible, a normal school routine, full of learning and laughter, will be retained.

Home learning will begin Monday 23rd March 2020

Teachers will provide an overview of the learning for each week. For Classes 1– 4 this can be accessed via our school website (class blogs). For classes 5 and 6, this can be accessed via Microsoft 365. Both planning and resources will be uploaded by 9:00am, each Monday during term time.

EYFS – Miss Cameron will communicate with you, as parents and carers, using J2e, Bug Club and the Tapestry app. A home learning pack will also be sent home. Acorn's weekly overview will be uploaded onto Tapestry.

Classes 1, 2, 3 and 4 - Teachers will communicate with pupils and parents via their Class blog on J2e. Here, teachers will post work and projects to complete whilst the school is closed. Each child will be provided with two blank exercise books, one English/ topic and one maths, to record the outcomes of the work shared on the website. These books should be brought back into school when we fully re-open. For children with SEND, the teachers will provide differentiated work that will be emailed directly to parents.

Classes 5 and 6 - Class 5 and 6 teachers will communicate with pupils and parents via Microsoft office 365. Teachers will post work and projects to complete whilst the school is closed. Mr Ross will send home a separate letter, with the children, detailing this. This programme will enable teachers to receive updates on individual children as they upload completed work for their teacher to see. Each child will also be provided with two blank exercise books, one English/ topic and one maths, to record the outcomes of the work shared on the website. For children with SEND, the teachers will provide differentiated work that will be emailed directly to parents.

Not only will there be class work to do, we will also be uploading exercise video clips and outdoor learning. This can be found on our website under the outdoor learning tab.

In the event that closure extends beyond the Easter holiday, we will update you with how to access the next terms learning.

Personal message from Mrs Bowditch

On Wednesday 18th March at 17:15pm we sat, as a staff, and watched the Prime Minister deliver the news of a nationwide school closure. It was a very surreal and emotional time as the prospect of 'until further notice' dawned on us.

The past couple of weeks have been challenging for us all with much uncertainty and disappointment. We will all learn a lot about ourselves in the coming weeks, how capable we are of looking after others, how to find joy in the smaller things in life, how to see beauty in things, how the power of friendship supports us all and how resilient we are even when we may not feel like it.

At present we do not know how long schools will be closed for. With this in mind, and from my years as a teacher and a parent, I know that children thrive when routines are in place. If I can guide you in any way, I suggest that regular daily time slots to complete schoolwork are scheduled into your day.

Use this time to teach your children new skills, crafts or to just enjoy being outside. I pray that we are blessed with blue skies and sunny days.

We will miss you all very much. All Saints is a very special place and as I have said before, I am a very lucky Headteacher. Even though school is closed to the majority, there will always be a member of staff who will answer the phone or answer an email.

School emails will be looked at daily. We are aware that the situation, and related guidance, is changing all of the time. We will continue to update you of any changes and developments as they occur via schoolzine and our website.

Please take heed of the 'social distancing' guidance we have all been asked to put into action. We have been given this guidance for a very good reason.

Please take care and stay well; you will all be in our hearts and our prayers

Best wishes

Mrs Bowditch
Headteacher