

## Coronavirus update 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents,

You will have heard tonight the decision by the Government to close all schools until further notice from the end of this week. This means that our school will be closed to nearly all pupils.

The announcement also said that some children would still be able to attend school. These would be the children of Key Workers and children with specific needs. I am awaiting clarification of these groups and will let you know as soon as I have this information.

Once the definition of Key Workers has been established, we will be asking you to let the school know:

- If you are a Key Worker, and if so
- If you will need your child to attend school during the closure.

I know this is a confusing and stressful time, but I ask that you do not contact the school to ask about the closure. All information will be sent by letter, posted on our website and Facebook page or through our School App. Phoning the school will just tie up valuable staff time and the office staff will not know the answer to your questions.

Other families will be contacted by the school separately. Again, please do not call us. We will call you if your child falls into the categories set out by the government.

Now, to address the vast majority of you who will be keeping your children at home for the foreseeable future. The school has been working hard to plan for this eventuality. Our support will be through our school website [www.greenparkcps.co.uk](http://www.greenparkcps.co.uk) or our Facebook pages. If you have not yet joined the Facebook page for your child's year group, or the Official Green Park page, please try to do so, as these are going to be a great resource in the coming weeks.

On the website and Facebook pages, teachers will be uploading videos and tasks on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The tasks will be varied and will be designed to be done at home, so no special equipment will be needed. The tasks are just for you to enjoy doing with your child. There will be no way for teachers to mark the work. These resources are for you to use as you wish. I strongly recommend that you try to get your child to do some academic work every day. This work should just be part of a well-structured day. Exercise is also very important.

Further support and resources can be found on a whole range of sites, many of which have already been shared by parents and staff.

I am still waiting for further details of how the school will support those of you whose children are entitled to Free School Meals. As soon as I know, I will let you know.

Finally, I have asked staff to keep in touch with you, so please don't be surprised if one of us gives you a ring occasionally to just see how things are going. We'll be happy to chat to your children too.

I hope you all keep safe and well, and I very much look forward to seeing you all when we can return to our wonderful school.

Yours sincerely,  
Richard Hawkins  
Head Teacher