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Fitzwaryn

'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, thank you for your understanding and your messages of support for the school that have been received this week.

You will now know that the government have decided to close all schools in England from Friday until further notice.

However, they have also advised that children who are classed as vulnerable, have an EHCP or whose parents are classed as 'key workers', will have provision made for them.

We are still waiting for further guidance that I believe is coming later today.

It is the intention at Fitzwaryn that for now, the school will stay open until further notice for all children (unless they are unwell or unable to attend school for exceptional reasons).

However, I must continue to consider all the risks that are now posed for us as a school community; the main one being the levels of staffing available who are adequately trained to keep the children on site safe.

We now have several staff who need to stay at home due to their personal circumstances.

From now on, we are able to provide a 'reduced service' which means that it may be necessary for your child to move classrooms or to be with different children. Class timetables may need to change at very short notice and activities will need to be altered accordingly. There is also no guarantee that your child will be taught by a qualified teacher whilst at school. We will try our very best to offer our broad and balanced curriculum, but you must understand that we are now compromised with some activities being unavailable to us.

Inevitably, plans will change daily; we will try our very best to let you know what the situation is and prepare your child for any changes that may occur.

School Meals

Free School Meals

This week we have provided food parcels and supermarket vouchers for all our families where the children are entitled to Free School Meals. We will continue to work hard to support where we possibly can. The government is writing guidance to schools to continue this support.



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School Lunches

We are currently working with our food provider to ascertain the situation with providing hot meals daily. For now, things remain the same as usual.

Transport

We have not been informed that there are any changes being made to OCC Transport, I will let you know if I hear anything.

Home learning

If you are at home with your child and self-isolating, or if we have to close either partially or completely, it is our intention to keep the website up to date with information that you will need to know, and we hope to design a page so new alerts are easy to find.

In addition to this, our home learning pack, that can be found on the website, will be updated with activities that you can do with your child. In the pack you will also be able to find links to websites that suggest sensory activities and activities that encourage independence and self-help skills so please look, we have tried to incorporate a range of ideas that will suit all our learners. Unfortunately, I will not be expecting my teaching staff to mark and return any work especially if they fall ill themselves or if they are caring for their own families. However, we will do our best to replenish home working and post as much as we can on the website but again this is dependent on the health of my staff. If you know of a family that does not have access to the internet and you can help them, please do, I know how supportive of each other you are.

Communication with school

The office phones will be manned daily while we are open, but once again this is dependent on staff availability so please be patient if your call is not answered directly.

If I need to close the school at short notice, I will post the information on the website and send out a parentmail.

Health Teams

I have not been informed of any changes in either the nursing team or the therapy team – again, I will let you know if I hear anything.

If your child becomes unwell or if you need to start self-isolating, please could you let us know – we would like to ensure that we have a clear and up to date picture of what is going on with our families.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD IN TO SCHOOL IF THEY PRESENT AS BEING UNWELL – WE WILL SEND THEM HOME IMMEDIATELY.

This as much as we know to date and as you are aware this is an ever-changing situation and I will of course endeavour to keep you informed.

I would like to thank the wonderful staff here at school for the amazing job they have done over the last few days in such a challenging time. I would also like to thank you all for the support and understanding you have shown to us during this time.

Yours sincerely

Stephanie Coneboy
Headteacher