

Friday 20th March

School Update – part two!

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils from Monday Clarification of which children should continue to attend school from Monday onwards

What a strange day – tinged with moments of sadness for a lot of the staff as they bid farewell to their classes for a few weeks, but also excitement around setting up new ways of working – both for the children who will be at home and those continuing in school from next week. Of course, it's also been incredibly hectic for us setting up the pupil list, ready for Monday.

Thank you to all parents and carers that have contacted us today to clarify arrangements for next week. I have been massively impressed by people's adaptability and willingness to support school's (and the government's public health) position in managing a difficult situation.

We have contacted all the families of children who we expect to see in school from 8:30am on Monday. If you are a key/critical worker and you have not been able to make contact with school yet, you may do so on Monday.

Please know that school will continue to be flexible around managing the childcare needs to workers critical to the COVID-19 response. Just because we might not have given a place for Monday, doesn't mean that is a final decision - if your circumstances change please do get in touch with us and we can re-consider. We fully expect numbers to fluctuate over the coming days and weeks.

The teachers are preparing some engaging and fun activities for our four teaching groups in school next week – hopefully the children studying remotely from home are gearing up for an exciting start on Monday too.

We are aware of some problems with Google Classroom (as millions of children login to it for the first time!) – hopefully these teething problems will be sorted by next week.

Do keep in touch with school via the website – we will send text messages to alert parents to any new content we'd like you to see.

Good luck with everything – remember we're still here to help in whatever way we can – contact us via the usual phone number or email address. Stay safe, look after the children and we'll be through this in no time.

Mr K Buck

Headteacher

PS I will text message and email on Monday with an update on providing free school meal pack-ups to those children who qualify for one (even if you are self-isolating), once PFI confirm their final arrangements.