



18th March 2020

Dear Parents,

Coronavirus Briefing No 2

Following the UK Government's announcement today of compulsory school closures until further notice, I am writing to confirm that Cricklade Manor Prep and Nursery will close at 4pm on Friday 20th March.

During the closure of our school, we aim to maintain the best educational standards possible. In the past weeks, the whole staff body has pulled together to create a programme of learning across all ages that is simple to access, engaging, interactive and flexible enough to allow for varying levels of available support at home.

This will naturally be a different experience to the one our children usually enjoy. However, with access to technology, a range of online resources, and the enthusiasm of our excellent staff, we hope to keep learning fun and relevant. We want our children to continue to enjoy their learning, be inspired and share their experiences with their friends and teachers.

Below you will find a brief outline of the structures we have set in place for distance learning. Full and detailed plans including comprehensive guides for parents and children on Home Learning, and guidance on the expectation of staff and parents during this time, will follow in the next 48 hours. The planning has been devised to be implemented in two phases:

PHASE 1: INITIAL RESPONSE TO FORCED SCHOOL CLOSURE

- Implemented on Friday 20th March
- For Reception to Y8 pupils there will be two weeks of English, Maths and planning which is self-contained and designed to be easily delivered by parents to their children
- The English and Maths materials have been designed to consolidate existing knowledge and not teach new topics of material at this stage
- A topic grid will be available for each class which will allow children to extend their learning and to provide activities for the children to complete during the Easter Holidays
- During this time teaching staff will be working from home on the Phase Two planning and will respond to any parental questions regarding the Phase One planning via email
- For Nursery children there will be weekly topic grids with lists of suggested activities linked to the different areas of the EYFS curriculum

PHASE 2: ON GOING PROGRAMME OF EDUCATION FOR THE FORSEABLE FUTURE

- Implemented on Monday 20th April
- Form Tutors and subject teachers will implement the full Home Learning programme
- This phase is planned, adjusted, supplemented and in some cases taught to the pupils via video link by the school teachers
- Form Tutors will host regular online pastoral sessions through Microsoft Teams or 'ZOOM'
- Staff will be available to speak with children and parents via Microsoft Teams and assist with home learning
- This programme will develop and be enhanced as both teachers and children become more familiar with the Home Learning principles and functionality of Microsoft Teams

- For Nursery children there will be weekly topic grids with lists of suggested activities linked to the different areas of the EYFS curriculum

To enable us to enact our Home Learning programme there are some actions that we need parents to take with immediate effect.

Actions for Parents

- All parents with Children in Reception to Year 8 need to complete the form below to give permission for your child to use Microsoft Teams for home learning. [Please click here](#)
- We are evaluating our ability to provide emergency schooling for the children of 'Key Workers'. The government will be releasing an updated list of the key Workers positions tomorrow. Please check the list and complete the form we will be sending home in tomorrow's briefing.

We understand that these are uncertain times, and we appreciate the significant inconvenience and disruption that this compulsory closure will cause. Please note that normal school term dates still apply. We break up on Thursday 26th March and will return to learning, either distance or in school on Tuesday 21st April

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Kind Regards,



Guy Barrett
Headmaster