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Dear Parents/Carers

School Closure Procedure

In the event that schools are required to close, I encourage all parents to develop plans now for your children. Unlike winter weather-related closures, schools could be advised to close for a longer period. Some settings closed due to COVID-19 could possibly shut down for one or two weeks. We understand this would create a hardship for many of our families, especially if we are required to close with very little advanced notice. The news is changing daily, and we don't know IF we will close, WHEN we might close or HOW LONG we will be closed for.

We have created a page on our website with information regarding our preparations for school closure on which you will find lots of hyperlinks to learning platforms, games, puzzles and tasks:

<https://www.hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk/page/?title=Preparation+for+closure&pid=154>

Although the current advice from the government is that schools should remain open as normal, in the event that the school is required to close at any stage, we will inform parents and carers of what will happen via text message and email. We will also post updates on our website www.hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk and on our Twitter feed @hawthornsch. In the event of closure – the school will close completely, which means that our Breakfast and After School clubs will also be closed. Staff and pupils will not be allowed on site-apart from specific staff in emergency situations. We will remain closed until we are instructed to reopen – this information will be relayed to you through social media and parentmail.

In order for us to communicate all information quickly and efficiently please ensure that the contact details we have for yourselves are up to date. Please contact the school office if you need to change any phone numbers or email addresses.

If the school is closed then we will send out guidance on work that the children can be completing at home. We are currently preparing workpacks for the children to use at home in the event of a school closure, but teachers may also set tasks for the children to complete on Purplemash or Spelling Shed, which all children have log in details for. The work your child will be set will be a mixture of online learning, English and Maths worksheets and research projects. For any recording of tasks please use the worksheets provided or your child's usual homework book.

At this time, any events planned for the next few weeks, such as class photographs and our EYFS and KS1 Spring Bonnet parade, will proceed as planned, however, if the school is forced to close or there are any changes, we will of course keep you fully updated.



As a school that is part of the Pathfinder Schools Trust we are following all guidance that is sent out from the Department for Education and Public Health England and will update you regularly with all information that we receive.

The following information has been provided by a local doctor's surgery and is the advice that they are issuing regarding how to deal with any suspected cases of coronavirus:

- anyone with a continuous cough OR fever (Over 37.8°) must self isolate for 7 days (this includes children)
- anyone with these symptoms who is WELL can just stay at home and does not need to ring 111 or be tested
- anyone with these symptoms who is UNWELL should go to 111 online for advice, they must NOT go to the GP, 111 will assess and advise.

Yours sincerely



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