

**SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**Newsletter- Update COVID-19 (3)**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Dear families,

The Government have announced that all schools in England will close on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 3.15pm. They have now set out guidance to allow a small number of children to still attend and Springvale will be adhering very carefully to this guidance. Last night they published the following guidance for schools and families, please see below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Please read the guidance carefully and contact us by 11pm tonight (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March) to secure a place in our **emergency** provision.

We appreciate the support of our amazing community in all that you do to support. This is a time of national crisis and we are working around the clock to do all that we can to help you and your children. I would urge that all parents note that the Government have announced, already, that schools are to close today. This new provision is for limited pupils and is classed as emergency support. I already have reduced (and constantly diminishing) staffing resources so we need our families to be responsible and fair in asking for our support. Misuse of this emergency provision is likely to put our children and staff at risk and this could lead to a full closure in the near future.

We will now be providing detailed home learning for each year group via email on a Monday (we will print and post paper copies where requested; please be mindful of our costs and protecting the environment.) The quality of said home learning will depend on how many pupils we have in school as we will have limited staff to provide both face-to-face and online learning- as you have seen, our excellent staff have done their best to provide both this week in testing circumstances!

Please note that we have set up a new website section at: <https://springvaleprimary.org/curriculum/> This page will be updated over the coming weeks. Please visit daily or use the suggested websites while children are learning at home. It is vital that children read, use numbers and practise their writing each and every day.

We need the following information from parents via email please ASAP:

- 1. Please contact us if you feel that you:**
  - a. require this additional support**
  - b. meet the criteria of a key worker AND your spouse/partner cannot possibly provide this support**
  - c. that you do not have any other childcare solution**

Initially we are planning ahead for the next four weeks, including the Easter Holidays. Again, please be responsible and fair when completing the following table. Please note that self-isolation rules apply and must be adhered to. Children who are currently self-isolating but require support at the end of their isolation period should also be reported to us by 6pm this evening for planning purposes. If you will need selected days only but you will not know these days as yet, please state as much here BUT keep in touch via email weekly with as much notice as possible about specific days. Easter provision is unclear at this stage and we expect to be provided for very few pupils on these weeks. We will be closed on Bank Holidays but other local provision may be available so please indicate where there will be an emergency need.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> March					
w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> March					
w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> April					(Bank Holiday)
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> April	(Bank Holiday)				

Office staffing will be significantly reduced and calls can only be taken between 8.30am and 3.30pm. Please email [l.mcclure@springvaleprimary.org](mailto:l.mcclure@springvaleprimary.org) with any emergency issues.

We would be open from 8.45 to 3.15pm each day with limited staffing and provision. All drop offs and collection from Main Reception but please do not come in to the school building from Monday.

Meals will be provided for all Universal and Free School Meals, even if they are not attending school. More details on this on next Monday's newsletter.

Attending children will have meals available, including a hot option, but options will be significantly reduced. Where possible, especially for the early days of new arrangement we would recommend bringing an appropriate packed lunch.

To begin with, school uniform will not be required. Please do not wear expensive or inappropriate clothing. Children are likely to be working outdoors, on sporting activities and with paint/creative materials so please consider this with clothing choices. All other rules and regulations apply including a total ban on jewellery and mobile phones. Book bags etc, should still be brought for communication purposes and for reading materials.

Thank you for your support at this very challenging time.

Regards

Mr L McClure, Headteacher