

SWINDON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

R.E: Coronavirus Update – 19th March 14:30hrs

I am writing to inform you that the Government have last night announced that schools will close tomorrow for the foreseeable future. This is to try to limit and control the spread of COVID-19. We will officially close at 3.15pm (Infants) 3.20pm (Juniors). Terrapins After School Club will be run until 5:30pm this Friday.

Key Workers and Vulnerable Pupils

The Government are keen for schools to continue to stay open for vulnerable children (children who have a social worker who is currently attached to them) and those children with an Education and Health Care Plan as well as children whose parents who are key workers.

As yet we still do not have a definitive list from the Government re Key Workers. Below is our anticipated list of jobs that fall within this category.

- NHS Staff
- Police officers, community support workers and some civilian police
- Prison officers and some other prison staff
- Probation service staff
- Social workers
- Firefighters
- Some Ministry of Defence Personnel
- Environmental Health Officers
- Highway Agency traffic officers
- Teachers and school support staff
- Supermarket delivery drivers

We will amend this list according from guidance from the government as and when we receive it.

We are grateful for those who have already emailed or phoned in their role, however if you have not already let us know please do so ASAP admin@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk or 01242 690016

Communication during school closure

- The School will be running a skeleton staff during the period of closure and will continue to communicate home to you all with any updates. Please do not expect any member of staff to reply to your communications within any existing time frames; however, we will try to respond to parental enquires as best we can.
- Class Teachers' emails will also be issued to you via your email. Please be mindful that virtually all my staff have families too and will be supporting their children and loved ones through this tricky time - only contact them if it is essential, and please do not expect an instant reply.

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Home Learning – it is EXPECTED that all children will continue with their learning at home

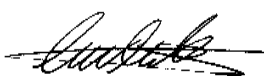
- All children (who are in school today) will have taken home, Home Learning Packs/Books
- Any children who are currently self-isolating will have their Home Learning Packs delivered by staff over the next two weeks.
- Online learning ideas and activities have already been issued - please see your emails.
- **Class Blog:** Teachers will be uploading additional documents via their class blog. A separate email will be sent tomorrow with all blog links.
- **Tapestry: EYFS only,** they will continue to use this as well as Class Blog for communicating to you

This is a guide to how you could possibly structure your child’s day – **structure is needed.**

Timings	Activity	Additional Information
Before 9am	Wake up ☺	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed, put PJ’s away
9:00 – 10:00	Morning Walk	Family walk in open spaces or something active if too wet...Just Dance (You Tube, Super movers...etc)
10:00 – 11:00	Academic Time	NO ELECTRONICS.... unless online learning please Set a-side a dedicated space for this, no TV on in the background
11:00 – 12:00	Creative Time	Lego, drawing, crafting, play music, cook/bake...etc
12:00	Lunch	Make sure all the family help in some way to prepare the meal
12:30	Chore Time – being generally helpful ☺	A – Wipe all kitchen works surfaces and chairs B – Wipe all door handles, light switches and desk tops, C - Wipe all bathrooms – sinks and toilets
1:00 – 2:00	Quiet Time	Reading, Puzzle.....keeping mind active...no electronics though
2:00 – 3:00	Academic Time	Electronics ok – online educational games/site
3:00 – 4:00	Afternoon fresh air	Bikes, Walk, Play outside, family time
5:00 – 6:00	Dinner	Make sure all the family help in some way to prepare the meal
6:00 – 8:00	Free TV time	Time to relax and unwind... ☺
8:00 – 9:00	Bedtime or family chill out time	All children who continue to follow a daily structure and have good sleep patterns will have sharper minds and be healthier

I am exceptionally grateful to all our staff for their unequivocal support at this very challenging time. I am also grateful to you all for your patience and support. We remain open tomorrow with a limited staff team and will ensure the school is calm and positive as always.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Mills – Headteacher

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