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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always AIMING HIGH!

School Closure

Yesterday evening we were all told by Boris Johnson that schools had to close until at the earliest the Spring Half-term holiday, since this late announcement all schools have been desperately searching for more information and guidance on what the reality of this announcement is. I apologise that everything has happened so quickly and you have had very little time to make arrangements for childcare, school will support parents where it is possible in-line with the guidance set by the DFE.

'The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

That is why the Government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.'

School is only open to children whose parents are critical workers and our vulnerable pupils. Each year group will remain open as separate bubbles as we will not be dividing children up as we did during the first lockdown. This means that the routines already established will stay the same such as staggered start and finish times and separate playtimes. We know by looking through our parent contact forms which parents are identified as critical workers as per the government criteria and can see that class sizes will be greatly reduced. I ask that parents do not send pupils in if parents are not critical workers as our school risk assessment will not allow it. Checks will be made to validate whether a child should be in school as spaces are limited. We anticipate that there will be only one class per year group required as all other pupils will be expected to work from home using online learning. This time children in school and at home will be having the work set daily as per normal (during the spring term) for Maths, English, Science and or Topic. The children at home will be having the same work set as in school. Teachers will send work home in a range of formats using Marvellous Me, the new Purple Mash online tool and by email (teachers will be sending out their school email address so parents can respond to work and make contact with class teachers, as necessary). When online work is not available for a parent, paper copies will be set ready for collection each week. Please phone the school if you wish to collect a weekly work pack so sufficient numbers can be prepared in advance. These will be made available from the Main Office from Monday morning onwards. We have not as of yet been allocated laptops for parents to access home learning, despite what the DFE may have said. These laptops are only available for parents that are entitled to free school meals.

Each week teachers and teaching assistants will be working on a rota basis either doing face to face teaching in the classroom or in school planning, sending online work home or contacting pupils by phone. This means that each week the teachers in class will differ but they will be from the same year group. Pupils at

home will receive a phone call once every two weeks from their class teacher. Teachers will contact you through Marvellous Me to arrange times.

Free school meals will continue to be provided in school for children that are attending and a take away parcel can be collected from the front office daily for the children who are eligible and are working from home. For pupils who are at home and require a daily food parcel can you please let the office know that you will be collecting it, so they can be made up in advance by the kitchen as we don't want a surplus of wasted food.

CK Before & After School club will continue until the end of next week when we will assess the situation and let parents know accordingly any provision we can offer if any at all.

I look forward to seeing you all when we can get back to normal, it will be difficult but we will get through it.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support.

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

