



Merley First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the government's announcement the school will be closed to all children, apart from those of key workers or vulnerable students, from 3.15pm on Friday 20th March. As a school we are committed to continuing to provide support and learning opportunities to children during this time.

Today we will be sending home their home learning books with work planned for, by the year group teams. In the home learning book will also be log in's for computer based resources that the children have access to and are familiar with, as they have been used in school.

If your child is not currently in school, we will hold the books in the school office. They can either be collected by yourselves if you're not self isolating or by a friend who you have made arrangements with. Where possible, we will send home additional reading books.

On the school website, we are currently uploading onto the class pages age appropriate, free websites that may support activities and learning that you can complete at home. Teachers will continue to use the website as a means to communicate with their class.

Currently, the work being sent home we anticipate could be for the next two weeks leading up to Easter. From this point on, we will add further material onto the website class pages.

If you have any questions linked to the work being set please do contact your class teacher. Class teachers will be placing their work email addresses on the class page on the website.

Once we have the list from the Government of key workers we will be requesting that if you have been identified that you inform the school. Currently our phone lines are very busy, if possible please send this information via email to office@merleyfirstschool.net

Please refer to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> for guidance on self-isolation and the symptoms that you should look for.

We will continue to update on the School's position when we have further information. Thank you for your continued support and understanding in such challenging, uncertain and unprecedented times.

Yours faithfully

Katharine Anstey

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