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19th March 2020

SCHOOL CLOSURE FROM FRIDAY 20th MARCH 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Following yesterday's communication from the Government, Viewley Hill will close at the end of the school day tomorrow.

We are currently working on our plan to provide activities in school for children of key workers. Please understand it will not be possible to deliver typical curriculum during the closure and activities will be play based and similar to a holiday club.

Key workers

It is clearly vital that we know whether you need our support in this way and therefore:

If you believe you fall into the category of being a key worker as set out by the government and you would like your child/children to attend, please return the slip below to school tomorrow. Please note this is for Children from Reception up to Year 6.

We are only allowed to provide care for the children of workers that the government specifies. As yet they have not confirmed this list. Therefore, we will contact you as soon as we know to let you know whether we can offer your child/children a place.

Other Information

- **Keeping Parents updated:** We will provide up to date information through text message, email, Twitter, Marvellous Me and our website: www.viewleyhill.org.uk Please ensure we have your correct email & mobile number.
- **Learning:** It is vital that your children remain in a routine and they complete some learning tasks every day. Please do not let them stay in bed or have too much free time because we want their habits for learning to stay strong so that when this is over they can return easily to typical school routines. We all know that September is hard after a six-week holiday and this potentially could be as long or longer.

Teachers have created home learning packs which have been sent home today. In addition, the website has a list of suitable websites children may use to aid learning. I have asked teachers to keep in touch with their classes daily via Twitter and Marvellous Me and they will add extra ideas and activities as and when.

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- **School Meals:** Our catering staff will provide packed lunches for all children who receive a free school meal. **Remember, every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to this under the national meals arrangements.** Children in KS2 who are entitled to a free school meal will also be entitled to a free packed lunch.

These may be collected from the main school office between 12pm and 12:30pm. **If you do not wish to have a meal prepared for your child, please contact the office ASAP as it is important we do not waste food. When collecting the lunches, please be mindful of keeping distance from others, wait until there is space in the office before coming in and only attend the school if you are fully well and are not in a house where anyone is self-isolating.**

- **If you need to contact us**

Email: office@viewleyhill.org.uk

Phone: 01642 591 053 – please note phone cannot be monitored at all times

These are really strange times! Your children have been amazing at coping with changes to our school routines, talking sensibly about the virus, being careful with their handwashing and avoiding unnecessary contact. I am so impressed by them! I also want to commend staff who also have worked their socks off and have maintained such a positive atmosphere in school. I will miss seeing all the children very much and I know staff will too. We are thinking of you all and looking forward to being together again as a full, fabulous school. Please take care of yourselves and each other.

Kind regards
Mrs H Malbon
Headteacher

Key Worker Information – please complete and return this if you would like us to consider whether your child/children can attend school during this period.

Name	
Job	
Employer	
Hours	
Child/Children's Names	

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