

# Capel Primary School



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Dear parents/carers,

## **Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils**

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. There is a form in the school office which we ask you to complete to request a place, clearly stating your reasons. Please complete this as soon as possible to enable us to plan effectively for their care.

**All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.**

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by the use of our school jotter and Class Dojo.

## **What we'll continue doing while your child is at home**

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

- They will bring home a document setting out general tasks and learning appropriate for their age group. Teachers will update their web page daily with additional learning tasks.
- Children are expected to complete the work into their homework book or additional workbook if they were given one.
- You can contact the teachers direct via Dojo or their email address.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

## **What we won't be able to go ahead with**

- Parent Consultations
- PTA quiz or May Fayre
- Events
- KS 1 and 2 SATs

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- Year 4 multiplication Test
- Year 1 phonics screening Test.

The Year 6 Residential Trip could still go ahead. Kingswood have released a statement about the precautions that they are taking and they are still operating. We will closely monitor the situation as it develops.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via [headteacher@capel-tonbridge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@capel-tonbridge.kent.sch.uk)

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, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Kind regards

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Headteacher

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