



Tuesday 17 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FROM POPLAR FARM SCHOOL

We are following the advice from the NHS, the Department of Education and Public Health England. At the moment their advice is to stay open but it may well be that they decide to close schools for a period of time. We will let you know if the school does close.

In the meantime, we have made some operational adjustments in school. This includes no school assemblies, the postponement of certain meetings, reduced time sat on the carpet in classrooms, staggered lunchtimes and limiting external visitors into school. The parents' evenings that were scheduled for this term will be cancelled. Parents will instead receive a mid-year consultation record sent to you on ParentHub.

With this in mind, we are preparing home working guidance for all classes. This work will be shared via Class Dojo and on our school website in the event of a school closure. We would also ask that pupils read for at least 20 minutes per day. Depending on the length of time of a potential school closure, work will continue to be sent home via Class Dojo and uploaded to the school website.

In addition to this, children are encouraged to access age appropriate learning resources online e.g. Phonics Play and Numbots. A number of other websites are also offering free resources to support home learning such as Twinkl.

As government guidelines are changing day by day please see <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> for the latest updates on COVID19.

If we do ever close, we will use all communication tools available to stay in touch.

Thank you for your patience in uncertain times for all.

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