



Thursday 19 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Updates

Following the statement made by the Government last night, I can confirm school will close on Friday 20 March 2020 at 3.20pm. At present, no date has been set for us to reopen. Our non-uniform day for tomorrow will continue as planned, but there is no need to bring in a chocolate donation, as we are unsure when the Family Chocolate Bingo event will be able to take place.

Tomorrow, all children in school will be sent home with a home learning pack, an exercise book and their reading record. We will not be sending home a school reading book, as there will not be an opportunity for these to be changed once completed. We encourage the children to read with you using books you have at home. You can still use the reading records to make notes of any reading that has taken place. The reading records also contain useful information in the 8-page middle section to help you support reading and phonics at home. While the school remains closed, teachers will update the class pages and school page on Class Dojo with any further work.

If you are currently self-isolating and you feel able, you can collect a home learning pack from the school office tomorrow. You will not need to come in to the main school building and you will be able to maintain safe social distances.

For those of you who have completed the 'key worker' questionnaire, we hope to be able to provide you with further information about provision for your child tomorrow. Please bear in mind that Gavin Williamson, Education Secretary has stated *"It's not going to be an educational setting, they're not going to be teaching the national curriculum, but it's going to be safe place for people who are key to combating this virus and keeping the country moving forward."* The list of key workers has not yet been defined by the government, however we expect the list to include: NHS hospital workers; police officers; school staff; food delivery drivers; military staff.

We are expecting further guidance regarding meal vouchers for free school meal children imminently, and when this information has been made available I will inform you of how the provision will work for Poplar families.

I am aware these are uncertain times, and information from the government is only being shared in small stages, but I would like to thank you for your ongoing support in this situation. I hope this letter clarifies a number of questions I am aware some of you have.

Yours Sincerely,

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