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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I am 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.**

Key Workers

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of 'key workers' and children with certain needs. We are still waiting for the government to publish more information on what this actually means, however thank you to those parents/carers who have already contacted the school regarding their job role within the NHS. Please do email the school on office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk clearly stating your job title if you believe that you are a 'key worker' with childcare requirements to enable you to work.

It would also be very helpful to be aware of your specific childcare needs as we endeavor to plan provision moving forward, such as whether your child/children will need to attend school every day/only on certain days each week or whether you have other childcare options for them each day. Please be advised that children will need to bring a packed lunch to school each day.

As the government has also mentioned a possible Easter holiday childcare option, key workers should also make the school aware if they have childcare requirements during this two week holiday period. As you can imagine this has implications on school staff so as much notice as possible would be appreciated.

I will of course be in touch again once clarity about 'key workers' is received from the government.

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. The school will re-open fully as soon as we can and I will let you know when this is via email, Facebook and text.



HOME LEARNING

Every child's learning is important to us; we are keen to do what we practically can to support our families during this period of change. We fully recognise that each household has different levels of internet access, therefore the following provision has been put in place for all pupils, such as:

- A hard copy of a pack of age specific learning materials for each class, including a copy of the teacher's 'Home Learning Menu' linked to their current topic, along with worksheets, paper and a pencil. Your child's Times Tables Rockstar password is also in the pack should you need it. These packs will be sent home on Friday and can be collected from the school office during school hours the following week. Should the school remain closed after Easter, teachers will prepare a new pack linked to their summer term topic which will be available from the school office. Please contact the school office if you are unable to collect the pack.
- On the school website <http://www.aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk/> under the 'Learning' section you will find 'Home Learning' in the drop down box, followed by a folder for each class. An electronic copy of each class's 'Home Learning Menu' can be found here, along with KS1 and KS2 Science learning suggestions. Class Teachers will upload material to their class page when appropriate to do so and notify parents of the new material. Please be advised that the 'Learning' section of the website also contains key information about the Maths curriculum for each year group, as well as key spellings and website links. Over the course of time we will add to the latter, especially as a number of education resources are now being provided for free.
- If you are a Facebook user, I would encourage you to follow Aldborough Primary School's page. We will continue to share useful links, photos and events on here and would really love you to share your child's learning with us. We are already planning to record teaching staff reading stories and share them via our Facebook page.
- Should you wish to contact your child's class teacher please email: office@aldborough.norfolk.sch.uk. By placing your child's class name (eg. Class1, Class2, etc.) anywhere in the subject line of your email it will be automatically forwarded to their Class Teacher who will aim to respond during normal school hours. I would be very grateful if emails were not sent at weekends or evenings. Thank you for your continued support.
- Keep in touch with us! Share your child's learning, achievements and experiences. Just because we won't see you for a while, it doesn't mean that we can't stay in touch.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child/children usually receives free school meals the school 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. In the meantime, we have put together a box of groceries for each family. This will be available at the end of the day on Friday and can be collected any time after this point. Please let the office know should there be a difficulty in collecting the box of food items.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience 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 is far from ideal. The school will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via email or phone. Thank you again for your continued support; please rest assured that I will be in touch with more information when it is available.

Best wishes,

Mrs Alison Read

Headteacher

