



Thursday 19th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Schools Closure

Although it was becoming increasingly inevitable that we would need to close the school buildings, it is still very sad to hear the news from Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education, that schools are closing from Friday.

This is a difficult place to be for both of our school communities. This is whether you are a family who have already had to become self-isolated, chosen to self-isolate or indeed decided that your children will stay in school all this week.

I want to stress that although the school buildings will close on Friday the schools have not closed and I have been very clear about this with all the children I have spoken to. We need to hold dear the fact that we are still very strong communities that will need to communicate in different ways as it is important at this time we focus on keeping each other safe and especially the old and unwell people in our lives that we love.

The Leadership Team and staff who can be in school will focus on the children at school for the next two days and make this time as meaningful and “business as usual” as we can.

Home Working

Behind the scenes we are preparing for the learning that we will be setting from Monday. We plan that your first e mail for your child’s learning will arrive on Monday and that will contain work for Monday and Tuesday. Then on Wednesday you will receive an e mail with learning for Wednesday and Thursday and then on Friday you will receive work for that day and a homework task for the weekend.

On Monday you will also receive an e mail with lists of other good resources and advice for you when helping your child at home. We are looking to make the home learning as creative and interesting as possible. It would be great if you could approach this time of confinement as a kind of adventure where new ways of learning will be found. We will give you lots of guidance about how long to spend on subjects and ways to approach different learning.

You may wonder why we are not just sending a big pack of learning home in one go. We feel that this would not be of a high quality and would not have enough guidance for you on how the children will learn well. We feel drip feeding learning will work better.

You will receive home learning book number one this week if you are in school (if not please could you make sure you have a book for the children to work in) and then if you are in London (and we do not have total lockdown) you can return this book on a Monday, to school, for your teacher to mark. You will then take book two to put the next week’s learning in. If we have total lock down, we will have to stick to doing all work remotely.

If you have no printer while there is no total lockdown you can collect work packs from the schools on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am -12 noon.

All learning will be on the school website from next week too: www.ccht.rbkc.sch.uk.

Special Circumstances

There are a small number of groups of children for whom we need to offer at school provision for. These are children of key workers where both parents are key workers, or the key worker is a single parent. Key workers are for instance NHS staff, police or delivery staff. In addition we will consider offering education for children with EHC plans and those with Social Services involvement.

If you think that we need to provide provision for your child(ren), please contact me today ahawkins@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk so that we can plan accordingly.

Free School Meals

If we think you are eligible for free school meals, we have already contacted you about this and we are looking into how we might provide a lunch meal for you if you have requested them.

Finally...

On behalf of my staff I want to thank you sincerely for the many ways you have supported us over the last few weeks. We are in this together and very much want to support you in working with your children while the school buildings are closed.

Keep well and keep safe.

With very best wishes,

Avis Hawkins