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**Headteacher: Mr Martin Fallon**

Dear Parents,

This will be the final newsletter I send to you before we enter this enforced school closure. We will aim to send out additional letters during this period, simply to update you and let you know about anything extra we are doing to support your children.

Before I go any further, I would like to thank you for your kind words and the messages of support we have received. These are remarkable times and it is only by working together that we can help to stay safe and survive this terrible threat to life.

### **Ongoing Learning**

You should by now have received the initial packs of learning we have sent. This will be supplemented by additional tasks being sent today. From Monday, we will be launching the daily tasks on our website. Please remember that the teachers will be available online should you have any questions or wish to share learning with us.

As you will expect, there will be challenges on the way to maintaining and delivering this new system. We will make mistakes, things will go wrong and some stuff will just be rubbish! Please bear with us. We need feedback but we also need some time to ensure we get this offer right. I can assure you that we will not stop trying but we are fighting against systems that are complex and often don't work in the way we hope they would.

In short, we promise to do our best and try our hardest to support your children.

### **Key Workers**

We have sent out a request to parents who felt that they may be classified as a key worker. Those children will be in school from Monday and will be supervised by school staff.

To be clear, these children will be working through the same learning from the website that all the children have been set by the school. I would urge you to follow the government advice about isolating your children when you can.

Some of you have asked about accommodating part-time working. We are sending out an additional form to those who have indicated they are a key worker. This can be returned on Monday or emailed to the school. Given the supervision arrangements we will have in place this can be managed. A member of the office team will keep a record of what is required. We will also continue to offer breakfast and after-school support, again we would ask you to inform us of your needs on the accompanying form.

On Monday, the school will be open to children from 8am. Please take your child to the dining room to be registered. We will manage it from there. If you wish to bring them in at the normal school time, please still use the dining hall doors – your child will be greeted and registered from there.



I have not mentioned the Easter holidays. I will address this separately in a newsletter next week. Just to be clear, we will be open however on a reduced staffing basis and operating more of a holiday club system rather than formal learning.

School meals will continue to be paid for in the usual way for any children of key workers. There will be a revised menu which we will share as soon as we have it. Alternatively, your child can bring a packed lunch.

Breakfast Club and After School clubs will run as normal. Please ensure that you have booked in the usual way – we will have spare booking forms available in the dining room on Monday morning. Note the slightly later opening time of 8am for breakfast club. After School Club will run until 6pm as usual. For both of these clubs, the daily menu will be subject to change with very short notice – this will be dependent on the items that we are able to purchase.

### **Free School Meals**

Those people eligible for FSM should have been sent a separate communication today about how to claim a meal each day should you need one.

### **Keeping Safe**

During this period of school absence we want you all to know that we remain on call, should you need advice and support. For this reason, should you have any concerns about a pupil please contact the following number: 0114 2486211. This will be operational during normal school opening hours – 08.00 – 16.00, Monday to Friday.

If there is a safeguarding emergency outside of these hours, please contact the Sheffield Safeguarding Hub on 0114 273 4855.

### **Finally from me!**

I hope you all remain healthy and positive for the future. I'm certain that, like me, you are worried however, by supporting each other and following the government advice, we can all get through this. I read somewhere that Martin Luther King once said 'only in the darkness can you see the stars.'

I look forward to seeing you all soon, when we can get on with the important business of educating and enjoying school.

Kind regards,

Martin Fallon & Team Mosborough