

Dear Parents,

Re- closure

We write to confirm that school will be closing to most children as instructed this Friday at 3.30pm (20<sup>th</sup> March).

#### Home learning and letter to follow

Our staff have been working tirelessly to provide not only your child's lessons, but establish home learning as well. As noted in previous letters, there will be a project for your child to start on Monday that we hope makes them feel enthusiastic about home learning. We understand that you will have many other commitments – older/ younger children, caring responsibilities, home working or sharing the care and also working yourself - we wanted to plan something to ease this transition for you all. A separate letter will be sent regarding home learning and the approach we will take.

We understand how this task feels as many of us are parents ourselves, but we are also instructing our own non-teaching partners on how to approach the learning! If the closure is long term, you will be able to use Class Dojo to ask questions of your child's teacher to help you understand what your child needs to learn next.

#### **Pupils that can attend – Action Required**

Whilst school is closing for the vast majority, the Government has required schools to offer the opportunity for education to children who have essential key worker parents or who are vulnerable.

We have not yet received the Government's guidance on which roles are classified as key workers.

Nor have we had confirmation as to whether if only one parent is the key worker in two parent family, the other parent must care for the child at home. Examples of front line NHS and Police Officers as well as food, delivery drivers have been given. If you believe that you are going to fall within the essential worker category and wish to send your child to school, please email

[bursar@sywell-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:bursar@sywell-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk)

- Your name
- Your child's name
- Your place of work
- Your role
- Your partner's place of work
- Your partner's role

**Please reply with this information as soon as possible and no later than 11am on 20<sup>th</sup> March.**

Your child may fall into a category to attend. This does not mean that they have to attend and you are able to choose to keep them at home to learn and use the resources that we send. Please advise us if this is what you intend to do.

#### National Assessments

As part of the Government announcements yesterday, it was also stated that all testing, including Year 6 testing would not take place this year. The expectation will remain that children should

continue to work to attain the standard expected at the end of the academic year and our home learning package will support with this.

A message from the team

The health of our nation is the responsibility of all of us, and we know that we will become a team of parents and teachers building home learning. Whilst life is changing in ways we cannot quite understand but fully accept, please try to gain something new and special from a different kind of family time together.

We will endeavour to be as available as possible to answer any queries you might have in the coming weeks. I have access to my emails within school hours and I am working hard to give you the best possible transition to your new Headteacher, Kristel Murphy. If you do need to make contact with the school, please use the following email addresses:

Headteacher - [head@sywell-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:head@sywell-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk)

Mrs Shortland - [senco@sywell-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:senco@sywell-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk)

Take care everyone,

Leah Jenkins

Interim Headteacher