



# Heskin Pemberton's C of E VA Primary School

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Dear Parent,

## COVID-19: School Closure & Home Learning

Wow! What a week this has been! Your patience, understanding, support and unselfishness has been amazing and very much appreciated by everyone here at school. Thank you. The staff have been under a tremendous amount of pressure to maintain their current level of teaching whilst arranging provision for the inevitable closure of schools which was officially announced yesterday. Every single member of staff has been unbelievably dedicated, whether they have been working in school or supporting pupils from home during periods of enforced self isolation. I would like to publicly pass on my thanks and appreciation to every single one of them for their professionalism and hard work.

You will be aware that the government has asked schools to investigate the feasibility of offering child care provision for the children of Key Workers. Information regarding our response to this has been sent home in a separate letter. Please read the information contained in that letter carefully and respond by email if required.

On **Friday 20th March**, our school will close until further notice. Please note, as per my previous communication, **there will be no Celebration Worship tomorrow**. Until we receive notification of schools opening again, it will be our duty to support you in delivering suitable home learning tasks and activities for your children. The staff know your children well and will send out weekly emails detailing the work they have set. These weekly emails will continue to be sent during term time for as long as the closures lasts. The work will be appropriate to your child's age and we will endeavour to be realistic in the activities you are able to undertake regarding your available time and the potential restrictions to your family due to any periods of self isolation. The information sent by the teachers will provide a clear explanation of each week's tasks but please feel free to email me directly if you require any further clarification or support. I am also happy to receive any updates, pictures or pieces of completed work via email so please keep in touch during this period of closure.

**If you are unable to access emails then please contact me before Friday and I will endeavour to provide an alternative form of communication in order to pass on your child's work.**

On a lighter note, our children have been an absolute credit to you. I'm sure they have had their own worries and concerns but their attitude to school, their behaviour and their maturity have all been exemplary. As a reward for this, we will be having a **non-uniform day tomorrow**. We will be explaining the routines and expectations of home learning to the children and then we will be celebrating, in school, the work they have completed and the successes they have achieved already this year. Although tomorrow will be a sad day for many of us, we will ensure that the children will have a wonderful last day with us.

I am sure that additional questions will come to light as more information is given to schools and I will keep you updated as soon as I am able.

Many thanks,

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