



24<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Reference: Support during the current closure of Alderman Knight School**

As you are aware the decision was taken yesterday to close the school. This wasn't a decision taken lightly but was possible through the tremendous support of all our parents.

Watching the news over the last week it has become increasingly evident that wherever possible children should stay at home. The Prime Minister's address to the Nation last night reinforced this and confirmed that we have together, made the right decision and that by doing so we are doing all we can to help limit the spread of the virus.

However, we appreciate that the next weeks and possibly months are going to be challenging and we really want to make sure we can offer as much help and support as we can to you all.

Last week a number of letters went home explaining how we would provide learning activities. For many pupils we sent home packs of work to start you off but in addition there is a host of work ready and waiting for your children on our school's Google drive which is accessible through the school website. Log-ins have been sent home for various online programmes and we will be updating work every week. If you are unsure what is available for your child the letters detailing the plans are also all on the website. However one of our best ways of communicating with you is via the Dojo (Primary) and SeeSaw (KS3/4) apps that you are already familiar with and use to keep in touch with tutor teams.

Keeping in touch with you is vitally important to check how things are and see how we can help. We appreciate that as the time goes on things might get more difficult and so we want to be on hand to help out when the going gets tough and we want you to know that you can contact us whenever you feel you need to. As said the apps we already use can be a direct link to your child's tutor and email is also a good way to get in touch. However we will also be ringing once a week just to check and see if there is anything else we can do.

We will all be continuing to work, albeit from home, and we will therefore be contactable. I am also very happy for any of you to email me and I am happy to ring you at any time.

We will be reviewing the school's position regularly but at the current time, as we are being told – we all need to do what we can to help reduce contact with others. However we do have a responsibility to all of you and whatever is happening the safety and wellbeing of you all is paramount. Let's hope things settle sooner rather than later. Please look after each other and please keep in touch.

My direct email is [head@aldermanknight.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@aldermanknight.gloucs.sch.uk). Please use it if you feel you need or want to talk to me.

Best wishes

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