



Creativity is our key to learning

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from our last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of parents who are both key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs. We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn by publishing home learning grids for each class. They include several activities for your child to complete each day. Please do not worry if they do not manage to finish every activity. The teachers have provided you a wide range of tasks. We are working on the assumption that you would prefer to have more things to do, rather than not enough. These grids will be e-mailed to all parents and published for downloading on our website. They will be uploaded on Friday afternoon's during term time onto the Life in School pages of the school website.

Each teacher will also send a letter home explaining how the grid home learning could be completed and the amount of time that each task should approximately take. They will also attach a list of useful websites for home learning and resources.

It is perhaps an opportunity to take the time to be creative and possibly teach some life skills e.g. baking, telling the time. Also The National Trust have announced that they are making their open spaces are free to all.

Whilst the school is closed, for school work queries, you can contact teachers via their class e-mail which will be in the letter from each class teacher.

For any queries regarding pastoral care or safeguarding, please contact Mrs Crowther and Mrs Logue – head@walsden.calderdale.sch.uk

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via head@walsden.calderdale.sch.uk or office@walsden.calderdale.sch.uk

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