

Christ Church C of E VC Primary School

'To inspire a love of learning for life so that every child can flourish within a supportive Christian community'



Headteacher: Mr. Neil McKellar-Turner

Thursday 19 March 2020

Changes for Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

At the time of writing this, we are still awaiting detailed information from the government in relation to the announcement of school closures from Monday 23rd March. Please be assured that we will contact you as soon as we have clarity around the government's identification of key workers and those children who are vulnerable. We are aware that some other schools have suggested possible key worker roles but until we have the definitive list from the government, we are limited as to what we can share.

However, we can confirm that we will be opening school on Monday for eligible pupils. We will provide more details as soon as possible and, certainly, within the next 24 hours.

As you will be aware, there has not been any indication of how long schools will remain closed. We appreciate that this lack of clarity is unsettling and worrying for children, so we want to make the day as enjoyable as possible for our pupils. Tomorrow, we will be offering a range of different activities for our pupils including team building and playing games. The children have also discussed their ideas with their class teacher today.

In addition to this, we are asking every child to bring in their favourite book or comic to read and share. The children are also invited to bring in a favourite board game that they would like to play with their friends.

Given the unique circumstances we find ourselves in, we have also decided to allow the year 6 pupils to sign one another's shirts or t-shirts tomorrow. Although, we may well be back in school in the coming weeks, we feel it is the right decision to allow them to do this before the school closes.

Finally, as a school, we are committed to supporting all of our families during the period of school closure. We understand that it is a difficult time for all families at present, with supermarkets running low on stock and essential items being hard to obtain. However, if you can spare any essential food or household items, we would greatly appreciate any donations tomorrow. We will use these to either support a local food bank, or, to set up our own school food bank which can be used during the school closure period.

If you are able to support this, please send in your donation with your child tomorrow. Essentials could include: tinned food, dried food (pasta, cereals), long-life milk, toothpaste, soap/shower gel, washing up liquid.

We will be writing to you again as soon as we receive any updates from the government.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil McKellar-Turner', written in a cursive style.

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