

If you have a safeguarding concern please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Nile via enquiries@mount-charlessch.org. If a child (or adult) is at immediate risk of harm – call 999 immediately.

Further information regarding safeguarding including domestic violence can be found on the

COVID-19 safeguarding tab on our school website: <https://www.mount-charlessch.org/web/safeguarding/466534>.

Please keep in contact with your child's class teacher via dojo or telephone. If we do not receive a response and are unable to reach you via telephone, two members of our safeguarding team will make a home visit.

Tuesday 5th January 2020

Re: SCHOOL CLOSURE - Home Learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are acutely aware of how unsettling the government announcement last evening will have been for everyone. Children, parents and staff alike will all be dealing with the transition into yet another lockdown in their own way and, at Mount Charles, we are committed to ensuring we support everybody as best we can. Thank you to those of you who have completed a critical worker application form. Thank you also to parents of children with Educational Health Care Plans who have spoken with us today. Your support is much appreciated.

Throughout the autumn term we learned a great deal about how the summer lockdown affected our children. Whilst we know there was much to be benefitted from family time at home, we also know that the extended period of absence from structured teaching and learning had a significant negative impact for so many of our children and we want to ensure that we avoid this happening again.

For this reason, we will be asking that all children complete the tasks set by their teacher each day to the very best of their ability. The resources they need are all available to them in the home learning packs sent home in November. Further direction and support will be available from your teacher in the form of lesson videos uploaded to the eSchools platform though access to these videos will not be essential for your child to complete the designated CGP workbook tasks - we know that many parents will need devices and internet connection for their own work.

Each day, children will be directed to the pages in the CGP books. Reading, writing and mathematics tasks will be set daily as well as direction given to additional home learning opportunities linked to the term's topic and wider curriculum. Children should log on to eSchools, locate their home learning tasks each day, complete and upload either in photo form or as a document for their teacher to see. Feedback will be given across the week. As staff will be managing learning of pupils both at home and in school, please do not expect your child to receive feedback daily. If your child is unable to access eSchools or is in need of additional support, please contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo or call (0172673911)/email (enquiries@mount-charlessch.org) the school office.

We hope you understand that we are accountable for the engagement of pupils in their home learning and so will be in contact if children submit fewer than three pieces of reading, three pieces of writing and three pieces of mathematics each week. This is not to 'check up' but simply to be able to identify any children and families who may need additional support.

We know that the weeks ahead will be challenging for many. Please keep in regular contact with us and please do let us know if you need help. Looking after the mental health and well-being as well as staying safe is paramount for all our children, families and staff.

Finally, I want to take the opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to the incredible Mount Charles team. I am so proud to work with such a hard working and dedicated group of people and know that you will share my appreciation for their unwavering commitment to ensuring the very best for the children and families of Mount Charles School.



Mrs Claire Bunting
Headteacher