



# Shirley Community Primary School Shirley Pre-School

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## School Closure (to most pupils) and Continuation of Learning

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you on the plans for Shirley Community Primary School over the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience during these ever-changing times. We have been planning for school closure over the past few days, and yesterday's announcement from the Government has helped, so that we can inform you now of our plans.

**1 – School opening:** we will remain open as normal for today and tomorrow (Thursday and Friday). Please send your child in and continue to follow the latest guidance about coronavirus when deciding whether your child should attend school: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

From **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**, schools are being instructed to stay open and provide childcare for children of key workers. We have emailed you today so you can confirm if you are in one of these groups and need childcare. Further guidance regarding key workers and childcare provision is going home on a separate letter today.

### **All other children will need to stay at home from Monday.**

**2 – Continuation of Learning:** *your child will need to continue learning, for as long as our school remains closed, and to help we are providing the following resources:*

**Learning packs** available to take home **today** (for children in school today)

- **Learning packs** available from the school office **on Friday** (for children who are not currently at school)
- **Online resources** available **via the school website from Tuesday** next week on year group blog pages: In 'classes' on the home page: <http://www.shirley.cambs.sch.uk/website/home/73813>
- Teachers have also created class email accounts, so that communication and further home learning can go directly to pupils/parents, and be emailed back over the coming weeks
- Please keep checking the blog pages and emails to see our learning day by day
- Teachers and school leaders will be in regular contact during closure and reviewing how 'remote learning' is progressing – your support with this is really important

**3 – School Lunches:** If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, the government has announced that you will receive vouchers to enable you to buy lunch food for your child from local supermarkets. to see if we can purchase vouchers for you. We hope to have this set up soon and will update you as soon as this has been arranged.

If you want to get in touch, please don't hesitate to do so via the school office: [office@shirley.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@shirley.cambs.sch.uk)

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours faithfully

Mr Cattermole

