



Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you, that in line with the government announcement yesterday, New Close will be closing to most pupils on Friday. As yet it is unclear about the timescale for this closure but we will keep you informed about any decisions made and we will be led by the government and The Acorn Education Trust.

This is indeed a difficult time for us all and we appreciate the impact that this decision is going to have of all our lives.

The exception to this closure will be those children who have been identified as having both carers in key worker roles. We will be in touch again via email as soon as we can to establish whether this applies to you. If this is the case, you will be contacted tomorrow regarding the arrangements for Monday.

Your child will be coming home today with a home learning resources pack. In this pack will be: basic stationery equipment, an exercise book, dice, counters, maths games and other mathematical supports.

In addition, tomorrow we will be providing some extra printed resources for the first couple of days. Accompanying this, will be a guidance sheet from the class teacher regarding a suggested daily timetable so that routines can be maintained over this extended time. You also have the self-isolation home learning pack that was sent home on Tuesday, which can be used to supplement any other activities.

We now have a home learning page on our website, which will go live next week. There will be one for each class. Every Monday, we will be uploading the activities for the week, in line with the suggested timetable. Children should

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work through the activities, these will cover a range of subjects. We are also working on video links so that we can carry out tutorials/shared stories.

To find this page please go onto our New Close web page click- curriculum- class pages and you will find a link to your child's teaching group.

We also appreciate that during this time, you may well have questions about your child's learning. All our staff will continue to be at work and will be able to respond to emails within school hours.

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In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us tomorrow, or contact us via email. We will endeavour to answer any questions, as best as we can.

Finally, it goes without saying, that I hope you all stay well during this difficult time. I look forward to seeing you all as soon as possible when we can return to our normal happy New Close community!

Yours sincerely



Mrs Louise Kilminster