



# Hand in hand we learn

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils**

Following my previous updates, I am 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 key workers and children with certain needs. We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let the school office know if you are a key worker in an essential service (such as NHS, Police or delivery driver). We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this applies to. **All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.**

## **Home learning**

Your child's learning is important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn. Tomorrow, every child will bring home a learning pack. In addition to this there will be weekly information posted on the school website with detailed guidance for each day's home learning. This will be posted on a Monday morning before 9:00am and will be located within the 'Learning from Home' class pages.

Some of these tasks will involve using Purple Mash online learning platform and TT Rock Stars (where appropriate); your child's password for these applications will come home with them.

During this time, it is also important that we think about our own and our children's wellbeing. There are some things we can all do to help.

1. Wash your hands – this is a simple but effective way we can look after ourselves and each other. Watch the video, by following this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVxMKpLLRoM>, to see how it is so important to wash your hands.
2. Take a break from the news – limit how much you read about COVID-19 and reduce your use of social media. Perhaps you could play a game or get involved in a craft activity instead?
3. Stay connected – talk with people you trust about any concerns you have and how you are feeling
4. Keep healthy – exercise, eat well and get plenty of sleep.
5. Be kind – look for ways you might be able to help our community

Should you need to contact your child's class teacher, from Monday, please do so using the following email addresses:

- [reception@ccuapprimary.co.uk](mailto:reception@ccuapprimary.co.uk)
- [year1@ccuapprimary.co.uk](mailto:year1@ccuapprimary.co.uk)
- [year2@ccuapprimary.co.uk](mailto:year2@ccuapprimary.co.uk)
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- [year6@ccuapprimary.co.uk](mailto:year6@ccuapprimary.co.uk)

Please be aware that staff will be deployed to support with a variety of tasks whilst most pupils are not in school. This is including, but not limited to, teaching those children who are in school. We will aim to respond to emails within 24 hours during the school week (Monday to Friday 8am -4pm).

### **Cancellations**

We have reviewed our calendar for the rest of the academic year and can confirm that all remaining school activities are cancelled.

### **SATS and other statutory testing**

The Prime Minister announced that all school tests and assessments will not go ahead this June. It is, however, important that children keep up with their learning at home during this period of uncertainty as this is the foundation for the next steps in their education.

### **Free School Meals and support**

We understand that the government will put in place a system of support for families who are in receipt of FSM and more information will follow in due course. In addition, our pastoral support will continue to offer support for pupils wherever possible throughout this period.

### **Planning for the future at CCUA**

Throughout this period of closure, we will maintain contact with you by email and the school website; this will enable us to keep you fully informed. This will be particularly important when we return to school.

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 is far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

I wish every member of our school community the very best during these challenging times. I would like to sincerely thank you for your support, cooperation and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Sam Collier  
Head of School