

An Ashmole Academy Trust School

Head Teacher: Mr Chris Tofallis

19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR MOST OF OUR PUPILS AS FROM THE EVENING OF FRIDAY 20th MARCH 2020 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

School will open on Monday 23rd March 2020 for our vulnerable pupils, pupils of key workers – including pupils of our Ashmole Trust staff, the NHS, police, firefighters, food delivery drivers, armed forces, prison officers, pupils with an EHCP, pupils of care workers, Free School Meal Pupils and Looked After Children, where there is an effect on the parents in their respective fields of work listed above.

If you would like to send your child to our school and you come under one of these categories please arrive at school on Monday 23rd March at 8.50am and come to the school Community Room directly to sign in. Children should continue to wear school uniform. You are also very welcome to email Mrs Andrews and Mrs Mittins at office@ashmoleprimary.org to confirm attendance.

For the children attending we will offer a light breakfast facility from 8.50am and will supervise the children until a 3.15pm collection. The group of children will work together from Reception to Y3 and will have the chance to undertake some structured activities, play games, take part in online activities, have playtime with fruit, lunchtime with a hot school meal and will take part in active games in the afternoons. The child-care provision will be FREE for the pupils set out in the categories above.

Please remember, if your child has a temperature or cough to keep them off school for at least 7 days. If any kind of symptoms of the Coronavirus are evident then please keep them off for at least 14 days.

The teachers have set plenty of online homework for all our pupils in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. This will be updated as mentioned in the year group emails, at certain times each week. The online homework is there to support the children and our parents so that the children can continue to have some sort of education during this difficult time. Parents and carers are welcome to adjust things and there will be plenty of time I am sure when you will want to just play and relax with all the family.

We will support the Government agenda as much as we can and we are planning to stay open over the Easter holidays. We just need to ensure that sufficient staff are able and healthy to work during these periods to remain open.

A separate register will be kept from Monday for our child-care support facility. The facility will operate from 8.50am until 3.15pm. Our school policies will continue to operate other than policies for Attendance and Teaching and Learning.

Please let our school office know tomorrow if you would like to take up our service from next week during the term time and also during the Easter holidays, if your child is eligible. This will allow us to organise staffing ratios and groupings. We will keep a daily register which will be maintained for health and safety purposes so that leaders know who is on site. These documents will also provide our Catering Team with the number of meals to be prepared for the children attending the child-care facility. All our staff are first aid trained. The Head Teacher or a member of the Leadership Team will be present on site.

For the children attending we would like parents and carers to always bring the children to the Community Room to sign in for 8.50am and the children will be dismissed from the Community Room at 3.15pm.

We are in a time of social distancing, so the primary school will only have a small team on site ensuring these essential services continue. I remind everyone that the Government advice is not to travel unless essential and only then if fully well and not self-isolating. It is important to state that the Primary staff are working during the closure providing work online and continuing with essential activities on the site itself. Staff who are not at school, as we all are socially isolating, will continue to work at home. The teachers are very happy to answer any questions via the school office telephone or email.

Please keep an eye on the website as notices and letters will be published there, as well as being sent to parent/carers through Scholarpack.

Thank you once again for all your support and I hope that everyone stays safe and healthy during this difficult period. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our school office on 0208 361 1881 or email Mrs Andrews or Mrs Mittins at office@ashmoleprimary.org

Kind regards and best wishes.

Mr Tofallis Head Teacher