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Dear Parents & Carers

School Closure 20th March 2020

School will close to the majority of pupils today at 3pm. The government produced guidance overnight which is clear:

“If children can stay safely at home, they should”. You can find a link to the guidance below.

The fewer children and carers making the journey to school and spending the day in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus gets a hold in our community. Outside of school, parents should do all they can to ensure that children are not mixing socially.

These are testing times and our brilliant staff are responding with a determination to remain on the front line of the Coronavirus battle. Education is one of the few sectors still dealing with the public without any serious protection. There is no doubt that staff and children in school are at greater risk than those who can stay at home. We will be taking every precaution we can, including, as far as possible, social distancing; however, as you can imagine, this is going to be a difficult challenge. **The fewer pupils we have in school each day the better chance we have of offering the best protection to children and staff.**

If your child’s carers are on the key worker (see link below), you need childcare and you have not already contacted the school, please do so urgently. All those parents who have already contacted the school will receive a call from a member of staff today. We will be gathering information about essential workers and how many days of childcare are required.

School will reopen on Monday to those children whose only option is to come in to school. Staff will be working to ensure they are as safe and happy as possible.

The majority of children will be accessing learning at home. The staff will be providing online resources. You can find lots of links to useful websites and games on the ‘Kidz Online’ tab. There will be year group specific activities in the pupil area of the website. Staff will be updating these regularly and responding to children’s work where they can.

In order for parents and pupils to stay in touch with teachers, we have set up some temporary email addresses. These email addresses are to be used as a means of communication regarding pupil work only e.g. If pupils have typed something up that they wish to send back to teachers, or if they have questions about the work that has been set. These emails will be checked on a daily basis from Tuesday 24th March. If you have any questions regarding the school closure, please use our normal admin email address.

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year1@cledford.cheshire.sch.uk
year2@cledford.cheshire.sch.uk
year3@cledford.cheshire.sch.uk
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We have also set up a Facebook group called 'Cledford Primary Home Learning'; you will find a link to this on the school website and the Cledford Primary Facebook page.

There will be a member of the office staff dealing with emails every day. Please do not visit or telephone the school unless it is absolutely necessary – we want to protect our staff and pupils in any way we can. Parents sending their children in to school will be provided with details about getting pupils in to school and collecting them again.

Details will also be provided about lunch.

In these uncertain times, which may appear frightening and unfamiliar, let's reflect on things we CAN do! Why not explore other ways to educate your children; sit down and read stories together, bake or cook or get outside in the garden. Take this precious time, while they are young and at home, to learn new skills together. In the words of Theodore Roosevelt, "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are". Don't forget to look on the parent information section of the website for advice on keeping well and looking after mental health.

We will be keeping in touch via our website and through the usual media channels. All the staff in school would like to wish all our families the best in the coming weeks; stay positive and stay healthy. We look forward to the time when we can open the doors again and welcome everyone back.

With warmest regards,

A J Booth
Federation Headteacher
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Gainsborough Primary & Nursery School

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision?fbclid=IwAR0bw2mh1vPbfncuKKMfNm0eexgk0q65mvG-esGQBavtsVAe_bclmIBIF9A