



Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents, Pupils and Carers,

According to Government advice regarding the Corona Virus, Leopold Primary School will close its doors today to the large majority of families.

At the time of writing this newsletter, I am unable to confirm when the school will reopen.

Pupils of parents who meet the government key worker threshold and pupils classified as vulnerable will attend school as normal on Monday and for the next 2 weeks, between the hours of 0830 - 1530. An Easter club will also run for 2 weeks to provide child care provision for these children. This provision will continue after the Easter break and until further notice.

If your child is entitled to receive free school meals we will provide you with a food voucher to cover meals from Monday 23 March 2020 until Friday 3 April 2020. As soon as Leopold have been given these vouchers, we will contact you to collect them, or email them directly.

This voucher can only be used to purchase food for your child and will not be accepted for age restricted products.

All pupils have received guidance on home school learning expectations with both pupils and parents having direct access to class teachers during the school days only. It is essential that all families also provide support at home.

We have made significant strides in planning for pupils to continue with their education. Currently, we have put measures in place so that all work, both classwork and homework, is set up on the online platforms so pupils will be able to work at home. Starting from today, pupils will be able to access the following: Purple Mash, IXL and Seesaw. Individual pupil logins for each of these portals have been given to the pupils – many have practiced logging on to these at school and have found easy access to their online home learning.

Teachers have set up a range of activities on each of these portals for pupils are able to consolidate their learning, particularly in Reading, Writing and Maths, as well as current topics as part of their Science, History/Geography learning. The learning activities prepared have been appropriately pitched to meet the needs of pupils, where pupils should be able to complete tasks independently. Having said that, any support that can be provided to enable your child to access their learning successfully would be greatly appreciated. **Please monitor your child/children, when they are online.**

In addition, pupils have been given printed copies of home learning packs, which will be made available by the end of the week. Therefore, if there are any difficulties in terms of accessing the online home learning, printed copies of the homework provided with any additional written work is also sufficient.

If you have queries about home learning during the school closure period, parents and pupils are able to communicate with their class teacher through Class Dojo, as well as respond to the activities set up on

Seesaw. Class teachers will respond to these queries regularly during 9am till 1 pm to offer additional guidance. They will respond the next morning if your query is not sent before 1pm.

At this time, I would like to say a special thank you to the whole school community for all their support and commitment to our pupils, including our parents, social workers, safer neighbourhood team, governors and the local authority. Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to our incredible staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment over time. This last week has been extremely challenging and they have come in to school each day, often in difficult circumstances, to ensure that we remain open for our families. I really appreciate your support and kindness.

Please look at our website each day for the latest updates and of course the government daily updates.

We recognise how challenging these circumstances are and the uncertainty that we have all been presented with. Therefore at Leopold we are here to support you. Please contact the school if you have any questions or need to seek advice. We look forward to the time when we will all meet again.

Kind regards

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Heads of school