



19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now clear that schools will close at the end of the school day on Friday (after Willows) to most pupils. We are awaiting details from the Government regarding specific arrangements for children of key workers and for our most vulnerable pupils. We are also awaiting guidance on children that receive Free School Meals. Once we have this guidance, we will finalise our plan and we will of course communicate this to you, by the end of the week, hopefully sooner. **PLEASE: do not phone school unless your child will be absent from school today or it is an emergency. We will contact you, if we find out that your child is able to access school from Monday.**

Online Learning Update

As stated in my last letter, we have set up flexible online learning systems so that this can work around your daily commitments and suits a variety of needs.

You will be able to communicate with your class teacher via Class Dojo. Your instructions to connect to Class Dojo have been sent home with the children yesterday (they are in the children's reading diaries). If your child was absent from school yesterday and you are not already connected to Class Dojo, your child's class teacher will contact you today, or may have contacted you already, to give you the code and instructions you will need. If you do need to contact the teacher via Class Dojo, please be patient for a teacher response and do not expect a reply immediately. We will attempt to reply as soon as possible.

Please see my previous letter for online learning which gives you details of what learning we have set - ongoing and weekly. All letters are on the website in the Parent Tab under 'Letters'. Here are further online learning ideas that are available for you to access:

- If you go to www.twinkl.co.uk and you are happy to use your own personal email address, you can access free resource packs for each year group.
- If you would like to ensure children are physically active during this time, The Deanes School have helpfully created a list of possible activities. This is attached to this email and on the PE page of our website under 'Children'.
- Essex libraries have created a document to enable you to join their Online Learning platform and E-reading platform. This is attached to this email and is on the English page of our website under 'Children'.
- On our website, under the 'Children' tab, there are lots of links to games and activities, all organised by subject and some by age.
- Please remember, if you go to the 'Curriculum' part of the website, there is a tab for each subject which gives you information about progression through each year group. You can also find useful documents there such as reading word lists and spelling word lists.

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We hope this provides you with all that you need to support children's learning at home. We all feel ever so sad, and will miss the children greatly. We look forward to hearing about all of the creative learning activities that the children have enjoyed. We send our love to you at this difficult and uncertain time. Be safe and stay healthy.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Stalham
Headteacher

