

Thursday 19th March 2020,

Dear Parents,

At this difficult time, we would like to clarify the school's situation and offer some light relief for children. Tomorrow will be a fun day in school for those children who are able to attend. Children do not have to wear their school uniform and will be completing fun games and activities before the school closes.

We are continuing with the Mother's Day stall. If children are able to bring in a donation for a gift, this would be welcome. If not, children will still be given a gift to take home for their parent. The school staff will run this, to reduce visitors in school but I would like to thank the PTA for their organisation of this event.

Following yesterday's announcement about school closures, I am writing to try and clarify the situation.

Key Workers

The government is yet to release a definitive list of key workers. However, if you consider yourself a key worker and need school provision, our responsibility is to try and offer this. Please inform the school what your requirements are, if you haven't done so already. We will contact you directly once a decision has been made. This offer can only be to children who need to be in school due to their individual circumstances and must be agreed with school.

Home learning

Whilst children are at home, the school will be uploading work onto the J2E site. Please find instructions for use of this site attached. The children in school today will be bringing home their passwords. Those not in school will have their passwords delivered along with some additional school resources for them to use. The expectation is that children will complete their spellings and a maths task each week, as well as completing a learning project around journeys and explorers. This is also attached and uploaded to J2E. Teachers will be monitoring the work on the J2E site and responding to children's learning this way. The tasks that have been set are things that the children can do at home. We do not want work to add additional pressure at this difficult time and will not

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be 'chasing' children to respond.

Please continue to use the previous site suggested for children whilst they are at home- Times Tables Rockstars, Spelling Frame, BBC games and updates.

We will also send any additional links that may be useful throughout this time.

Whilst the school is closed to the majority of children, we ask that you continue to look out for messages from us via parent mail or telephone. Please ensure we have the correct phone numbers and email addresses for you in order to do this. School phones will be in use tomorrow. Following this, please contact via the school admin email:

admin@trinityroad.essex.sch.uk

Lastly, I would like to thank staff for the way they have handled the situation we are in. They have constantly put the needs of the children first and have been amazingly supportive at this very difficult time. I would also like to extend this thanks to the very many parents who have offered words of support and encouragement to help us deal with the last few weeks.

The staff and I are sending you and your families our best wishes for the days and weeks ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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