

Clewer Green CE Aided First School

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'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13

Tuesday, 17th March, 2020

Dear Parents,

I am writing again in response to the advice from the Prime Minister, The Chief Scientific Officer and the Head of Public Health England yesterday evening.

Clearly the situation with the spread of COVID-19 is gathering pace and we are committed to following the advice given and to protecting those in our community who are in the high risk categories as mentioned yesterday. Indeed, some of our staff who are in those high risk categories have been asked to stay at home for their own safety and some parents have taken the decision to self-isolate with children who are also in these categories.

It is very important to note that the self-isolation advice for those who are demonstrating symptoms of the virus has now changed from individually self-isolating for seven days to the **whole family self-isolating for fourteen days**.

We have been preparing for an imminent school closure for a few days now and we are continuing to prepare for that to happen in the coming weeks, if not days.

The staff have all worked very hard to have materials ready for the event of a school closure and by this Friday we will have Home Schooling packs ready for each child to bring home to complete in the case of the school being forced to close. **Please keep these to one side until we are told to shut**. We have provided tasks for the children to complete that should last for two weeks within these packs and they need to be supported by a normal reading routine, phonics and times tables practise etc. For those of you are self-isolating now your packs will be ready for collection on Friday and will be in boxes with your Year group outside the office. If you are unable to collect the pack, we will endeavour to deliver them to you as and when we can, dependent on staff availability to do so.

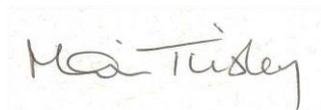
Mrs Branch and Mrs Jones have this morning created a page on the website called 'Home Learning' and links to all the websites that we use to support learning in school. You will also be provided with usernames and passwords for these sites, should you have misplaced the ones given to you originally, or if you have not received them in the first place, and again, we hope to have these ready for you by the end of the week.

We do not know how long the school could potentially be shut for, if that decision is made, and we may be preparing unnecessarily, but we have said all along that we would keep you up to date with the situation as forewarned is forearmed. Should we lose more than the initial two weeks that we have prepared for, plans are in place for work to be emailed to you during the period of any further closure.

I will reiterate, that we will stay open for as long as we are told to do so, and the above measures are precautionary and not inevitable as things stand at the moment.

Again, thank you for continuing support and understanding and please stay well.

With my very best wishes,



Martin Tinsley
Headteacher