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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from last week's letter (Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020), I am writing to let you know what steps we are taking to ensure the children's wellbeing and education.

The school continues to follow the official guidance and any processes that we have in place will be reviewed in light of any further updates from central government.

### What is the Current Situation?

**The school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we have been given. However events where we are predicting a significant number of people in a confined location will be postponed or cancelled:

- The Year 4 Marvellous Maths Workshop on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March has been postponed;
- The Relax Kids Parent Workshop on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March has been postponed;
- Messy Church on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March has been cancelled;
- The PJ & Loveheart Evening on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March has been cancelled;
- The Year 2 Marvellous Maths Workshop on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March has been postponed.

All school functions continue as normal including Breakfast & After-School Club.

Decisions about the upcoming Year 4 trip to Wildwood will be made by the end of the week.

Pupils should attend unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms, they should **remain at home for 7 days**:

- A new, continuous cough and/or
- A temperature

If your child is unwell, report this normally via ParentMail or by phoning in.

### What we're doing to support and protect pupils and staff

- We have stopped whole-school worship and this is now taking place in class or in year groups.
- Staff are asking children to wash their hands on arrival at school and on leaving school in addition to the normal times (i.e. before eating and after using the toilet).
- All visitors to the school are asked to sanitise their hands before entry.
- Cleaning materials have been provided to every classroom and staff have been asked to clean all surfaces at lunchtimes; this is in addition to the regular clean after school.
- Rob Moon will be cleaning all handles and fittings in the toilets just prior to lunchtimes; this is in addition to the regular clean after school.



### What you need to do

- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office as soon as possible, preferably via email.

### What happens if the school has to close

We will only close if we are officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school.

In either case, we will

- Alert you to the closure via our school website, our Twitter account, our school Facebook page and via ParentMail. The website [www.kentclosures.co.uk](http://www.kentclosures.co.uk) will also be updated.
- We will keep parents updated via the dedicated page on our school website: <https://bridge.kent.sch.uk/key-information/coronavirus-covid-19>
- We will upload work packs that children can complete at home to continue their education. We recognise that not all families will have access to a printer and so will also ensure that all families have access to the suite of on-line learning materials to which the school subscribes.

Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.

### If you have any questions

Please consult the:

- School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- **NHS**, if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use **NHS 111 online** if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools
- Government's **travel advice**, if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead

Later on today, there is another COBRA meeting and the first of the daily briefings from the government. If there are any implications for us as a school, I will write to you again tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,



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