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Dear Parents / Carers,

Preparation for Home Learning

As advised by the government, school will close for an undetermined time from tomorrow, Friday 20th March 2020. We have been busy making preparations for home learning, in the event of a long-term school closure over the past few weeks with details listed below. As a school, we are fully prepared to be open for children of parents deemed to be key workers. We are awaiting correspondence and clarification from the Government as to who qualifies as a key worker and the subsequent guidelines around this – once this information is received we will communicate with you at the earliest time. At the time of writing, we have early guidance as to the children of which professions will be able to be in school. I feel it prudent to ask ASAP for parents to let me know if they feel they may fall into these categories so we can get an idea of numbers and begin to plan effectively. The communication to schools from the DfE currently says “examples include NHS staff, police and delivery drivers that need to go to work”. There will be a full list of key worker categories published today and I will send this out as soon as I have it. I will also send a communication for parents to complete and return should they feel they fall into the eligible categories and you feel that the best place for your child is in school.

During the first week of school closure, children will be provided with a pack of activities from school, printed and sent home with them. These activities will be English (Reading, Spelling, Writing, Phonics, SPaG), Mathematics and Topic/Theme. Kestrel Class will have daily activities listed on Kestrel Class Blog on the school website; their pack will have resources that support these activities. The packs will be made available and sent home on Friday at the end of the school day; if you would like your child's pack to be taken by another parent, please let us know. Alongside the activities, a 'suggested timetable' will be given out, with a structure that could be considered for children working from home. Children will also be provided with a workbook and a couple of pencils as well – older children will be provided with a pen.

Staff will communicate during the first week via the website blog. Each class has a blog in the School Blogs tab at the top of the website homepage (www.ashtonhayes.cheshire.sch.uk). Class teachers will update this regularly so please look out for these. I will update the Headteacher blog on a regular basis as well. There is also a new page on the school website, Home Learning, with an extensive list of web-based learning options that are available to support children's learning.

During the second week of school closure, Kestrel Class will continue to have activities, updated daily, via the Kestrel Class Blog and on the Kestrel Class Page of the website. Learning for children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be based on the school website, through Pupil Logins. The Pupil Login for the school website is will be sent in a separate letter, alongside the login details for all other web-based programmes available from school. All pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 have had the opportunity to log in to their Pupil Account in order to see how it works.





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With regards to communication, I can be contacted at head@ashtonhayes.cheshire.sch.uk and Mrs Stubbs can be contacted at admin@ashtonhayes.cheshire.sch.uk. Class teachers can be contacted on the following email addresses during normal school hours:

kestrelhomelearning@ashtonhayes.cheshire.sch.uk

sparrowhawkhomelearning@ashtonhayes.cheshire.sch.uk

owlhomelearning@ashtonhayes.cheshire.sch.uk

peregrinehomelearning@ashtonhayes.cheshire.sch.uk

buzzardhomelearning@ashtonhayes.cheshire.sch.uk

Thank you for your understanding during this incredibly difficult and uncertain time. School is not just a place of education - it is a place of community. I want you to know that during the closure, the staff at school are there for you if you need us and we will continue do anything we can to support.

We will try and make the next two days as normal as possible for the children in school and we will all look forward to when we can return to normality again. I want to thank the staff who have been incredible in what has been a strange and challenging time. They have been superb for the children and each other.

We hope that you remain safe and healthy and send our love and best wishes to you all. Hopefully, we can use this time as a positive experience, allowing us moments together as a family to do things we may not normally be able to do.

Kind regards,

Mr Hover

