

20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

You should have received communication earlier today with regard to those children able to come to the Academy and Treetops on Monday. If you did not receive this communication, copies are on the academy website. If you are a key worker, please complete the forms emailed out to parents earlier and return them to us as soon as possible.

For the vast majority of children, however, they will not be able to attend from today. I have spoken to all the children and, whether they are here on Monday or not, I emphasised the importance of enjoying their last day together for a while and that they should all focus on what they could control, which was to have a good time with their friends.

For those who will be attending school or nursery next week, our opening times remain the same and I would ask that children come in wearing school uniform. They should go into their normal playground for the start of the school day and we will dismiss similarly. Our kitchens remain open, so a meal will be provided for those who don't have packed lunch. Children who are not entitled to free school meals or universal free school meals (Reception – Y2) will still need to pay for lunches. Until we can confirm numbers, it is hard to anticipate how we will structure classes or the school day. We have a plan for Monday and will adapt accordingly as numbers settle.

For those children who will be at home from Monday we have placed ideas for learning on the website. This is very much an initial selection of activities and we are busy now putting together a more detailed package of remote learning. We have been inundated with ideas and offers from educational establishments and companies and we are reviewing these currently to put a holistic learning package together for the children. More will follow on this and we ask for your patience.

For Nursery parents, we will be posting ideas and links to websites on the Treetops page of the Academy website so that you can access a variety of activities to do with your children whilst they are at home.

We have sent home materials to record work with the children, as well as additional reading books. If you have been self-isolating at home, then these sets of materials will be available for you to arrange collection from the Academy hall where we will have someone based on Monday. If you cannot arrange collection, contact the Academy office to indicate you wish a set and we will try to have this delivered to you by hand.

There is currently no system organised for those families at home who are eligible for free school meals. Once the Government and catering firms advise us of a scheme, we will inform you.

Can I remind you that we are posting our communications, Government guidance and children's work on our website, under Coronavirus. www.dursleycofeprimaryschool.org.uk/

Any concerns or queries you may have during this uncertain time, please do contact the school, through the school office on 01453 542304. If the office is closed at any point, please contact the Academy by email at admin@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk Nursery parents can contact Treetops on 01453 543712 or treetops@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk

I will be in touch again shortly and please take good care

Best wishes

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