



SHEERNESS WEST FEDERATION

Isle of Sheppey, Kent



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SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are sure that most of you will already be aware that yesterday evening the government announced that all schools in England will close tomorrow for most pupils. The closure is until further notice. However, schools will remain open for some pupils; children of key workers, children who have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) and children who have an allocated social worker. School are aware of those with EHCPs and those with social workers and we will be contacting these parents individually to inform them of what this means for their family.

The government will be releasing details of who is meant by key workers tomorrow morning. The only information we have at the moment about key workers is from the press conference that most of you will have seen where Boris Johnson named NHS workers, police and delivery drivers. Therefore, we cannot yet identify who these children will be. To try to be as prepared as possible for Monday, We have prepared a form for parents to complete IF YOU BELIEVE OR KNOW THAT YOU ARE A KEY WORKER. This form will be available from the school offices and is attached to this letter if you can print it. We will also be sending a paper copy home with the children who are in today. We would ask all parents who believe that they are a key worker to complete the form and bring it to the school office. This way, when the government provide us with the list of who they are identifying as key workers, we can quickly contact all these parents and inform them about whether or not their child is still attending school as normal from Monday. We would make a plea to all parents to help us in this way by completing the form and submitting it by tomorrow (Friday) lunchtime at the latest.

The majority of our children will be at home, most likely for a number of weeks. Further information will follow regarding work for them to do at home. It will be really important that you check the school website, Facebook, and class Dojo regularly, particularly as we do not have any indication about how long school may be closed.

Finally, we would just like to thank you for your understanding and patience, which is very much appreciated, at this difficult time.

Yours Sincerely

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