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Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Further to the Secretary of State for Education's announcement last night, and the advice given by GLF Trust Merstham Primary School will be closing at the end of today, Thursday 19th March 2020 along with many other GLF schools.

This is so that the GLF family of schools can come together to plan for the coming weeks as we await further detailed information and clarification from the government. The school will only be open to provide limited basic care for the children of key workers and children who are classed as being vulnerable.

At present, Key workers include those of you who work for the NHS, the Police delivery drivers. This list is going to be clarified and extended by the government shortly and once that is known we will be asking those of you in this category to confirm your role and whether you would want to take up school provision for your child. In the meantime, we will be working hard over the next few days to establish what provision there will be for the children of Merstham Primary School.

Over the last weeks, the school has been preparing to make sure that we are ready for a possible closure. Every class from Year 1 to Year 6 has access to a 'Google Classroom'. Reception Class will access learning through 'Tapestry' and Studybugs.

You should have been provided with your child's log on information so that you can access 'Google Classroom'. If you have not received this, please speak to the class teacher. All children from Years 1 -6 have had the opportunity to 'have a practice' log on in school. Please remember that at home, all children must have some help and support from an adult to keep them safe at all times when on the internet. Parents who do not have access to the internet will be provided with a learning pack by the school. The Library in Merstham has computers that children can use to access learning as well as choose reading books.

We will be sending out information about the learning the children can access online, and when teachers are available to answer any questions or queries. The school has also purchased some online learning resources/ activities (Bug Club and Numbots) as well as compiling a list of online learning resources. All of these should/ will be made available either today, tomorrow or early next week.

These are difficult times for many families in our community, and it is a time when we can come together to help those in need. Should you need/ wish to contact the school please do so using the school email address info@mersthamprimaryschool.org. Thank you for your continuing support, as we do our best to manage an ever evolving situation.

Kind regards

Gavin Oulton, Headteacher Merstham Primary School

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