



Merstham
Primary School

19th March 2020

School closure: Further update for Parents and Carers

We would like to confirm that we have spoken with all children in school today to explain how we are going to work with them over the forthcoming weeks and to reassure them, that whilst the arrangements for teaching and learning may be different, their teachers continue to care about them very much and that they will be able to stay connected with us during this very unusual time.

As mentioned in our earlier message, we have outlined how remote learning will work, and how and when they should contact their teachers not only about their learning, but also how they should contact someone if they have any problems that they feel they need to talk to someone about. It is important that also to remind parents/carers that if any safeguarding concerns arise during this time, the school safeguarding leader can be contacted on the following email address dsl@mersthamprimaryschool.org.

We are mindful that many children are not in school today and families who are currently at home may wish to come into school to collect resources and to belongings (or ask a friend or family member to do it on their behalf).

We will therefore be open from 11am to 12 noon tomorrow for people to do that. They will need to come to the school office.

As outlined in my previous letter, we will be in touch with you to confirm arrangements for children of key workers and for those who are designated as vulnerable, once we have clarity from the government about who falls into this category.

As you can imagine, we are trying to manage a rapidly unfolding situation as best we can, and you will understand that we do not have all the answers to your concerns and questions at present.

Thank you, as ever, for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

Gavin Oulton

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Headteacher

