PRIMET PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 18th March 2020

Dear Parents,

It looks highly likely that schools in England will close imminently for at least the two weeks until the Easter holiday. Please check our website on a daily basis for updates to information on any school closure and measures you should take to ensure the safety of yourself and your children.

In addition to the work already put on the school website, we will regularly upload additional work and resources that you and your children can complete. We will also point you in the direction of additional links and resources that may be of interest to you and your children.

We have added information on the back of this letter to support our families with their emotional wellbeing during this difficult time. Please follow the links on the letter to access the resources available.

Please contact school by email on <u>admin@primet.lancs.sch.uk</u> if you are happy for us to email updates to you. Please ensure that you include in the email the names of your children and permission for us to communicate with you using your email address.

We will be keeping our website, facebook and twitter pages up to date as well as contacting families by text.

Over the next few days we will be finalizing arrangements and will keep in touch to confirm what those arrangements are. Please do not phone the office unless your enquiry is urgent or unless you need to notify us that your family is self isolating.

On an ongoing basis the following advice about illness must be followed.

Illness.

• Children with a cold or respiratory illness: It is recommended that children with any sort of illness are to stay off school for 14 days. If anyone at home is experiencing any symptoms for the Coronavirus please follow the advice attached. This will require you to check with the 111 NHS helpline for advice. If yourself or any body in your household contracts the Coronavirus you and your family are to self isolate for 14 days and please contact school so we can make arrangements. This absence will not affect your child's attendance record.

School Closure.

 This will be a last resort and the decision for this will be made by the local authority or central government. In this case, the children will not attend school for the required period. We cannot know how long this period will be but we have created work for a 3 week period and will upload additional work as time progresses. The work includes Maths, English, topic and some SAT papers for year 2 and Year 6.

These unavoidable closures are difficult for everyone but please remember that we shall put the care of your children first at all times. I would like to thank all our parents for their amazing support and understanding in these difficult times. The staff have been doing a great job in school keeping the children calm and happy and carrying on in the day to day routinues that the children need to be learning and feel secure.

Over the next few weeks I would ask everyone to follow the advice and look after each other as we face any difficulties as a community. And most of all, it is important that we show kindness to each other.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Holmes

Head teacher

Continuation of learning Plan. School closure for a prolonged period

Please see Our Learning, Home Learning on the school website. www.primet.lancs.sch.uk

Emotional wellbeing information:-

We understand that for some people self-isolation can be boring or frustrating. You may find your mood and feelings being affected and you may feel low, worried or have problems sleeping. You may also feel isolated and alone.

However, we would not ask you to do this if it was not important. There are simple things you can do that may help, such as staying in touch with friends and relatives on the phone or by social media and you may find it helpful to talk to them, if you want to.

There are also resources you can use, including Every Mind Matters and Good Thinking.

Some people who have self-isolated have found it useful to re-connect with a hobby or learn a new skill through an online course.

https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/

https://www.good-thinking.uk/

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