



# CORSHAM REGIS PRIMARY ACADEMY

King's Avenue

Corsham

Wiltshire

SN13 0EG

Tel No: 01249 712294

Email: [admin@corshamregis.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@corshamregis.wilts.sch.uk)

Web Site: [www.corshamregis.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.corshamregis.wilts.sch.uk)

**Headteacher Mr G Spicer**

Company No 7550425

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## Coronavirus: SCHOOL CLOSURE

Dear Parents and Carers

Following guidance from the DFE and Public Health England, our school will be closed on Monday 23rd March 2020 until further notice for most pupils. We await Government advice on how the school will cater for 'key workers' children, children with EHCPs and those with social worker involvement.

### Continuing education arrangements – for those children not at school

We have been preparing in the last weeks to ensure consistency of provision whilst we are closed and will do our utmost to continue to provide an education for your child during this unprecedented situation. Therefore, we would like to share with you the work we have prepared for your child to complete during the school closure.

There is no replacement for your child receiving quality first teaching from the class teacher but the work provided is an interim solution to ensure that your child has continued access to the curriculum.

We will be using **Seesaw as our main communication method during this time** so please ensure you are connected. Significant updates will be posted on our website but the main source of information and communication will be through Seesaw.

By 9:15am for each day the school is closed, your child's class teacher will post on Seesaw and the class webpage of our website, learning activities for the day. These will consist of:

- a writing themed task
- a maths activity
- a reading task
- and another 'challenge' – in line with your child's existing timetable

Some of the learning can be done online and some can be written in the exercise book going home with your child on Friday. When recording in books, please remind your child about best presentation.

Your child will also be going home with a reading book or books, depending on what stage they are at in their reading, so that they have sufficient material to practise their reading skills. Please continue to read as much as possible. Books, comics, magazines, online books and Kindles, recipe books – the list is endless. This is a key life skill and needs regular practise at this early stage of education.

We have aimed to provide a range of activities that do not all require laptop or tablet access and are also not requiring children to have excessive screen time. We completely understand that every family situation will be different at this time. The school would like you to support your child to continue learning at home. Whilst there is no obligation to complete these activities we do hope that all parents will support their child to complete as much work as is possible.

Teachers would love to receive any feedback from you in the form of photographs or comments, which they can post on Seesaw and the website so that we can all stay in touch and see what each other is doing. Please bear in mind that if you email or post a photo it could be shared on these forums and you are consenting to this by sending the image.

Staff will also reward pupils with jewel stickers and keep a record of these so that they can be added to the charts in the classroom when school reopens.

If your child's class teacher becomes unwell, or one of their dependents becomes unwell, then either Mrs Symons or I will post the learning activities.

We appreciate that this is going to be extremely challenging for some of you. Without the daily routine of school, your child may well feel a little lost or anxious. You may find it helpful therefore to create a timetable close to your child's existing one.

For most pupils a typical day is like this:

- Writing & Reading with some mental maths, ie multiplication facts up until 11:00am
- Break for 15 minutes
- Mathematics until 12:15pm
- Topic work after lunch

Providing a quiet, well lit and tidy place to work without any distractions will help your child focus. It's also important that they have plenty of water to drink as this will aid concentration.

Please may I ask that you return any reading books we have loaned to you and your child's workbook when we come back to school so that we can celebrate the completed learning.

In order to safeguard your child when learning online, I would like to highlight these sources of information for those that can access it

- **Internet Matters** – a not-for-profit organisation set up to empower parents and carers to keep children safe in the digital world. Their support for parents includes a range of downloadable guides covering subjects such as transition to secondary school, Vlogging & livestreaming, online gaming and cyberbullying. <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
- **NSPCC** - includes a range of resources to help parents keep children safe when they're using the internet, social networks, apps, games and more. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
- **Parent Info** - from CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) Parent Zone, Parent Info is a website for parents covering all of the issues amplified by the internet. It is a free service which helps schools engage parents with expert safety advice, endorsed by the National Crime Agency's CEOP command. This website provides expert information across a range of online harms. <https://parentinfo.org/>
- **Parent Zone** - offers a range of resources for families, to help them meet the challenges of the digital age, including parent guides on the latest digital trends and platforms. <https://parentzone.org.uk/parents>

### **Safeguarding**

During the school closure you should still pass on any concerns you may have about a child or young person who could be in danger.

- Mr Spicer/ Mrs Symons / Mrs McCrum via the office: office@corshamregis.wilts.sch.uk or 01249 712294
- Wiltshire's Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub: 0300 456 0108
- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111

Finally, thank you for your continued support in this matter. Whilst the school is closed for most children we hope that all of our children, parents and staff remain safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gareth Spicer  
Headteacher