

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated. In light of the government's latest announcement today I am greatly saddened to inform you that we will close on Friday 20th March 2020.

In an attempt to maintain normality and support for parents over the next two school days please be aware of the following:

- Netball, Young Minds, Code Breaking, Home Learning & Rugby clubs will all run; unfortunately, there will be no Judo Club or Gremlin Street Dance.
- Absence should be reported as usual.
- If your child is self-isolating, we have provided a Learning Overview (on the school website : Pupils; Year Group; Home Learning; Learning Overview) which is a synopsis of some of the children's core learning in each year group as well as reminders about reading, spellings, handwriting and TT Rockstars. There is a list of recommended free websites for reference too.
- Parent helpers are not in school (thank you for all your support to date!)

With regards to day visits:

- Year 4 trip to Dapdune Wharf – cancelled
- Year 5 trip to Marwell Zoo – cancelled

Whilst I understand these extreme measures are in place to slow the spread of the virus may I assure you that we are all devastated with this news. However, I have an amazing staff team who I know will continue to provide the best learning opportunities for your children. Before the closure on Friday, we will be sending a letter tomorrow detailing our arrangements for home learning and support from the start of next week.

Following government guidelines, our school will be accessible during school closures for: **key worker families**; children with **EHCPs** and any family with an **allocated social worker**. If you fall under this category then please complete our Google form: [School Closure Questionnaire](#) by 12 noon on Thursday 19th March so staffing can be arranged. Once we have verified the number of pupils requiring this support, we will make contact with parents to discuss next steps. Completion of this form is for our use only: this will ensure that all GDPR processes are followed, that your data is stored securely and that is NOT used for any purpose other than that specified.

Please continue to check your email regularly and of course refer to the government advice: <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

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With a heavy heart and kind regards,

Westfields Junior School