



The 'BROADCAST'

Newsletter 24: Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents-

What strange times. Please be assured that despite the news being changed and updated rapidly we are rising to the challenge and are determined to support our families and community by keeping lines of communication open throughout the time when the school is closed to the majority of our children in an aim to support the Government fight the coronavirus.

We hope that our plans will stress the need for as many children as possible being kept at home so that we are recognising that schools do need to close. We have attached a schedule of work for these children to follow. This has been divided into phases because we are all unsure how long we will be in this situation. The newsletter will continue to be available on the school website every Friday to keep you updated regarding which phase we are in and the support we are able to offer.

We are now approaching Delay Stage 2: Schools Closed

Children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 have been given workbooks. Everyone has been given a spelling sheet. Please continue to read daily and learn times tables. There are lots of very good activities available through our website- Go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS

Partial Opening

The school will remain partially open. It is really important that we have the right children in school that we have been instructed to provide crisis care for. Please ring or email the office if you are a key worker that has no one available to provide child care. We need to keep these numbers minimal as we are aware that the staff are likely to be ill too and we don't want to set up a system we cannot provide throughout the necessary period.

Crisis Care

- This is provided Monday to Friday from 9am-3pm only if you have registered a need for Key worker care, filled in a form and been accepted as a key worker. This is NHS, Police and delivery, utility and supermarket workers. Please understand that returning the booking form immediately is essential so that by Friday 20th March at 12.30pm we will know numbers and be able to confirm your booking. It is essential that we are ONLY providing for the entitled children so that we are still observing social distancing. I have a duty of care to protect my staff too!
- There is no breakfast club or after school care.
- Children will need to provide a packed lunch and wear school uniform.
- Children will enter the school at 9am via the dining room door. They will be collected from here too.
- At this stage we have planned ahead for the next two weeks. A booking form will be sent out to those parents that qualify so sessions can be selected.
- We are hoping to offer support during the Easter holiday and there is likely to be a charge incurred for this just the same as if children were attending any holiday club.
- Please be aware that if there is a time when the school is unable to offer the appropriate level of care following their own risk assessment the crisis care plan will become unavailable and parents will be informed of this as soon as this becomes apparent.

It is essential you make a request for a crisis care form TODAY

Contact us: admin@castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk