



Fairlands Middle School

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19 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time of uncertainty. Rest assured that staff in the Mendip Edge Federation are here to support as much as we can.

The government last night said that schools will close to pupils on Friday evening, March 20 2020. However, there are two groups of pupils that may still continue to come to school:

- Children of Key Workers – NHS staff, delivery staff, police officers, teachers/educational support workers, etc. A more detailed list will be put on the school web site as soon as it is announced by the government.
- Vulnerable children – those who have an EHCP or have a social worker allocated to them.

If you are one of these key workers and have not contacted us already, please email office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk providing your name, child's name, tutor group and the role you undertake. Once we know how many pupils we can expect in school each day we can then work out a staffing model and contact these parents/carers separately to confirm details.

Please find attached a copy of our closure plan for pupils. Staff will activate our Edmodo pages for pupils to access set work. Do please take note of the curriculum time for each year group and try to work accordingly. The work can, of course, be completed in any order. Year 6 pupils should also continue with their revision as planned.

We are aiming to continue to provide food for our pupils in receipt of free school meals. If you are unsure if this affects your child, please email or telephone school. We will continue to provide a hot meal where possible. Meals will be provided from 12:00-12:20 pm for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and from 12:30-12:50 pm for Year 7 and Year 8 pupils. If your child is unable to come to school for a meal, please telephone or email school and we can arrange for a voucher to be provided to you.

Families in our schools who are supported by external agencies, or with whom we have worked very closely due to a variety of vulnerabilities, will be contacted by school staff on a regular basis throughout the period of closure. Likewise, we are setting up procedures regarding the reporting of safeguarding concerns.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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Safeguarding Children is everyone's responsibility.

If you are worried about any child please make an appointment to see either Helen Heffernan, Designated Safeguarding Lead or Robert Cooling, Felicity Grant, Sally Virgin, Designated Safeguarding Deputies
Alternatively, you can phone NPSCC: 0808 800 5000 Somerset Direct: 0300 123 2224