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19th March 2020

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – SCHOOL CLOSURE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been advised by Public Health England and The Rose Learning Trust to close the school with effect 3pm this Friday 20th March 2020. This is not because there has been a case within our school but is part of the wider Government/Public Health strategy to contain the Coronavirus across the country.

We have a detailed plan of action in place with procedures for all aspects of the closure. These will now be put into place and include the following:

- The school will close to most pupils at 3.15pm on Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice. Owston Owls will run as normal on this day.
- It was announced the children of Key Workers will still be able to attend school.
 - If one parent is a key worker, the government will expect the other parent to have their child at home. Single parents who are key workers will obviously be entitled to a school place. Please complete the form uploaded onto Class Dojo by the end of the school day today, 19th March 2020.
- We will contact the parents of children with EHCP plans or social workers directly.
- All pupils have come home with a pack of curriculum based learning they will complete at home and return the first day back.
- School will continue to communicate through text message, Dojo and emails if necessary. Please ensure you have access to these.
- In addition to the initial work sent home, we have set up a dedicated area on the school website called “Home Learning” which has general online learning activities children can access. We will be providing work for every year group on the website every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please support ongoing learning by accessing the website and discussing then completing the work with your child/ren. This will ensure they continue to be supported through home learning
- We will continue to receive daily updates and advice by Public Health England and continue to review our procedures and actions accordingly. We will communicate updates to you via the aforementioned text message, email and school website methods currently in use already.
- If there are any urgent safeguarding issues during closure please contact Jo Semley our Designated Safeguarding Lead on 07391 503967. Please note this number is for safeguarding issues only and any other queries should be via the central email admin@owstonpark.co.uk. School staff will contact you throughout the closure.

Please be aware of the links you can access for further information

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

I know this is a very difficult time but I hope that this letter gives you some reassurance that we are fully prepared with current and future strategies in place, please support your child/ren with their online learning to ensure they are continuing to make progress.

We will keep you up to date as soon as anything changes.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs V Stinson
Headteacher