

## School closure

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents,

You will have seen the news from the Prime Minister announcing the closure of all schools in England from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The staff team and I are devastated by this news and are determined to do all we can to help support you and your children whilst we are closed.

### School closes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 3:15pm

We will be taking this opportunity to celebrate with the children and to make sure they go home with happy memories of school. To this end, all children are invited to wear non-uniform on Friday. We will have a whole-school assembly where we look back on all the highs of the year so far, there will be fun and games in the afternoon and even an outdoor disco at lunchtime!

### Reopening on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March school will be open to children of key workers, children currently supported by a social worker and children in receipt of an EHC plan. In order to help us plan effectively for this, please can **all** parents complete the online form at <https://sghs.fireflycloud.net/questionnaires/school-closure-covid-provision>

### School meals

We have been working tirelessly with our catering team and local foodbanks to be able to offer lunches and meals to families in receipt of free school meals. We will be contacting families individually and asking if they require lunches for their children or further supplies from the foodbank. We are preparing teams to deliver this food to families who are self-isolating or unable to get to school to collect it themselves. We are currently finalising this process and will be in touch with you shortly. Please ring 07464 427 142 to request a meal/food parcel from Mrs Lee

### Home learning

On Friday all children at school will be sent home with a work-pack. Class teachers have created a suggested 'menu' of activities for your children to complete whilst school remains closed, along with a reading book and logins for Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed. The documents will be uploaded onto the school website alongside our Space Mission Instant Recall Facts tasks, links to educational websites and learning ideas to complete at home. Work will continue to be uploaded on a fortnightly basis whilst school remains closed (term-time only).

### Communication

We will continue to update you via ParentMail and our Twitter and Facebook accounts remain active. If you need to contact the school please use the 'contact us' tab on the website or email [admin@newparkacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@newparkacademy.co.uk).

If you require a food parcel, please ring 07464 427 142 and speak to Mrs Lee.

If you have an emergency and need assistance, please call the school emergency line on 07398 624 415.

This number is for emergencies **only**.



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**Public Health England**

I will continue to update you as and when further information becomes available. At all times we will follow advice from Public Health England and I urge you to keep yourselves informed of current guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

Look after each other and yourselves. We can't wait to see you all again soon

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mold

(This letter and any further updates will be uploaded to our website under the "parents and carers" tab)