

19 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: CV19 - School Closure

Following the Government's announcement yesterday evening, **The Test Valley School will be closed from Monday 23rd March 2020 until further notice to all children except for the following:**

- Children of key workers (we expect a list to be published by the Government today);
- Children with whom we are already providing additional support through the social care framework or EHCP;
- Children who are in receipt of Free School Meals.

Thank you to parents who have already notified us to say that you are part of the Priority Workforce.

If you have not already done so, please email the School on **office@testvalley.hants.sch.uk with Priority Workforce in the subject line** to notify us that you may need support with child care. We will need to know this information by midday Friday 20th March 2020.

We will contact you directly over the next day to inform you if we are expecting your child to be in school. Further details about how we will manage safeguarding, routines and expectations during this time will be shared in due course.

Given the reduced number of children in school, we will be able to make variations to the day that includes additional and routine health and safety measures such as hand washing and smaller class sizes.

Easter Break: the School will endeavour to make provision for children who are part of the priority workforce over the official Easter break.

We have in the background been making contingency plans for a school closure. That said, schools were not given any prior notice before announcements yesterday so with that in mind, please bear with us whilst we are focused on making firm plans and arrangements.

Our capacity to respond to individual concerns or matters other than this at the moment is understandably reduced and I am mindful to protect the workload of colleagues in school so that they can focus on helping us to realise our contingency plans in everybody's best interests.

Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes,

Ms Wilden
Head of School