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Dear Parents and Carers,

As detailed in today's letter from Mr Hunter-Whitehouse and Mrs Marshall, the Head at Callis Grange Infants, the schools are preparing for closure this Friday, 20th March. We know that a school closure can be difficult to parents, but we hope that we can work together at this difficult time for the safety of us all.

In order to prepare as best we can for this, please see below the procedures we will apply until further notice:

Communication

- A text and email will be sent home to you from the school, informing you of the school closure on Friday. Therefore it is absolutely essential that you are receiving text and email from school. If you think you are not, please check your details with the office as soon as possible.
- Following this, all future communications will be via **email** and **updated on the school website**.
- There will **be no communications shared via our social media during this time**, to avoid confusion and mixed messages.
- The school will also update parents of the closure on the school website, and the Kent County Council's website www.kentclosures.co.uk. Parents may also hear about the school closure by listening to KMFM, BBC Radio Kent and Heart FM.
- A **text and email** will be sent home to you from the school, informing you of the school re-opening.

Home Learning

- Prepared basic home learning packs will be sent home tomorrow (Thursday). These contain: writing pencils and colouring pencils, exercise books, reading book and your child's computer logins for Times tables Rock Stars and Purple Mash.
- There will be additional, more specific, home learning resources via the school website. These will be made available **each Monday of term time** and you will be alerted to these new weekly resources via email, once they have been uploaded.
- Please continue to use the online learning opportunities in place- Times Table Rockstars (maths), Purple Mash (literacy, maths, computer literacy), and additional sites such as BBC Bitesize – please see Mrs Newport's additional handout tomorrow.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
John 3v16



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Free School Meals provision for pupils / Support for Vulnerable Families

- It is essential that we ensure that all our children will have adequate provisions, during any lockdown period.
- Our catering provider *Nourish* will provide food parcels for our Free School Meals pupils.
- Should further meal packs be required in the event of prolonged closure (i.e. after Easter holidays), a further collection date will be set up for those pupil's families.
- **The collection time / location will be communicated to affected families.**
- If you feel that you will need advice or further support relating to this area, please contact Mrs Poulos, Designated Safeguarding Lead, before closure this Friday.

AfterSchool Clubs, Breakfast Club and Extended Day bookings

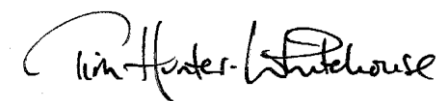
- After School Clubs and wraparound care will run as normal until Friday 20th March at 6pm.
- All bookings for wraparound care from Monday 23rd March will be cancelled from the School Gateway system and monies will be held and put on to your next booking.

We will continue to follow the DfE advice; the latest information regarding self-isolation can be found in the link below. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

I should like to take this opportunity to thank parents and staff for their continual support of our actions to date. We will keep you fully informed over the closure period of home learning updates and changes to our situation.

I sincerely wish you all continued health during this strange and difficult time,

Yours Sincerely,



Tim Hunter-Whitehouse, Headteacher