Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**School Closure from Monday 23rd March**

Following government guidance last night, all schools in England will be closing to staff and children due to the coronavirus outbreak. This means that from Monday 23rd March, Uplands Manor Primary School will be closed until further notice.

During this closure, we will continue to support the education of children by providing learning for them to complete at home.

Each child has now been provided with the following:

- Home learning packs and access to online learning resources (as per my previous letter dated 17/03/20 – available on our website in ‘Letters.’)
- Some basic stationary items
- Reading books

This work should last your child for around two weeks, i.e. until the Easter holiday. After the holiday period, teachers will upload work and activities for the children onto our school website every week (‘Home Learning’ tab on the left-hand side).

If necessary, you can contact a member of staff from your child’s year group about their learning activities by emailing them at the email address for their year group:

- Nursery and Reception: eyfs@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk
- Year 1: year1@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk
- Year 2: year2@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk
- Year 3: year3@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk
- Year 4: year4@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk
- Year 5: year5@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk
- Year 6: year6@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk
- SENCO: senco@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk

Even though school is closed and work has been set for the children, it is vitally important for your well-being that if you are feeling well and healthy you take time to go for walks, play in the garden and get some fresh air.
You will be able to contact the school about urgent matters through emailing the head teacher’s email account at headteacher@uplandsmanor.sandwell.sch.uk. We will respond to urgent emails as soon as possible.

Please do not email with routine questions and queries as this will be unmanageable for staff to respond to as we have over 900 children in school. I will continue to send out information and letters by email and also post these on Twitter and Facebook for you so that you are kept fully informed.

The school office and phone lines are only for the very small number of parents who still have children in school, as outlined below. All other parents must use the contact measures explained in this letter.

School Opening for specific groups of children identified by the government

We have been asked to remain open as a school for:
- Children with EHCPs
- Vulnerable children (classed as families currently working with social workers)

We have contacted all of these families individually about whether or not they will be attending school during this period.

KEY WORKERS – PLEASE READ

We have also been asked to remain open for children where both parents are considered by the government to be ‘key workers’ (or in a single parent family where the single parent or carer is a key worker.)

We are awaiting further information and guidance about who is classed as a ‘key worker’ and as soon as we have more information, I will send information out to you. Thank you for bearing with us – we are awaiting a public announcement on this.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please continue to look after yourselves and your children. We will be thinking of you all in this very challenging time.

Yours faithfully

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Head Teacher