



Cropredy C of E Primary School

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

You're probably getting a bit fed up with all these letters. Unfortunately, we are living through unprecedented (in my lifetime – and that's a long time!) times of change and 'the goalposts' keep moving.

So, what's the latest! As we all know now, the list of key workers has been published and only one parent needs to be working as a key worker to entitle your child(ren) to a school place during the school's partial closure. This increases numbers to some extent. Whilst we are keen to support parents in these categories, please bear in mind:

1. We need to keep our numbers as small as possible because the whole point of the school closures or partial closures is to support the overall health of the nation, so we need to do our best to limit large numbers of people coming together.
2. We cannot take children under any circumstances if they have a new (within the last week or so), persistent cough or a higher than normal temperature.
3. We really would like a stable cohort so that we know who is attending everyday and we can plan effectively.

If your child(ren) is home learning, we have set up new email addresses for the classes so that, during these difficult times, teachers and parents can be in email communication. I am hoping that you will have an email or phone conversation with the class teacher every week. These email addresses will simply be cancelled when this coronavirus calms down and everything returns to normal (Whatever that is!). You can talk through the home learning, ask questions and just feel part of our school family. Here they are:

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year1@cropredy.oxon.sch.uk
year2@cropredy.oxon.sch.uk
year3@cropredy.oxon.sch.uk
year4@cropredy.oxon.sch.uk
year5@cropredy.oxon.sch.uk
year6@cropredy.oxon.sch.uk

If your child(ren) is coming to school, please bear in mind we can only offer a core service. **There will be no After School Club as we are simply unable to staff it.** I would like all the children to have a hot school dinner (free of charge). There will always be a vegetarian option. However, you may want your child(ren) to have a packed lunch which is perfectly fine. I have a staff volunteer to bring in a

'The Lord is my shepherd.' Psalm 23

pet dog so we can adopt a school dog for the next couple of weeks but we may have children who are allergic to dogs' dander (the dried skin that most animals naturally shed). So, again, we need to know. If you could let us know about the lunches and the school dog situation asap that would be really useful.

Next week I'll do the newsletter that was due today. There are lots of 'fab' things to tell you about and some good news to share. Please do not expect individual responses to email at the moment. We are working flat out and we simply do not have the capacity to answer individual queries.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers for delivering learning packs. You angels. Thank you to all the supportive parents who have just been behind us and encouraged us during this peculiar time.

We'll be in touch too.

God Bless

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