



Mount Pleasant Primary School

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Our School Motto - "Think Big, Aim High & Achieve!"

Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

RE: COVID 19 Update: Mount Pleasant Primary School closure

We are writing to you with some updated information on the developing situation regarding COVID-19.

School closure – Following on from our last update, we are now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school as of today Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice**. This does not apply to 'Key Worker' families, who have been contacted separately about this.

Therefore, all other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday 23rd March 2020 onwards. Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this will be, via SchoolPing and the School website (www.mountpleasantschool.co.uk).

Distance Learning - Your child's education remains important and we have circulated learning packs for all children with detailed information on various online platforms as well as packs that have been provided to continue with their education as of **Monday 23rd March 2020**. **Staff will stay in touch with families through via SchoolPing**.

Whilst the School will provide work and access to online learning platforms, it is your responsibility as a parent / carer to ensure that your child is not missing out on their education, and that they are using their time appropriately and effectively. Please refer to the document attached to this letter for guidance.

SATs - The government have also now explained that this year's examinations will not go ahead as planned. Further details for how children will be grouped in terms of attainment will be shared in due course. We will ensure that children are do not lose out in terms of the next stage of their education as a result of not being able to complete their SATs. We are working closely with our local secondary pyramid of schools to ensure that families that have children across different schools receive the same level of support through these unprecedented times – particularly when it comes to children moving from Primary to Secondary. Please rest assured that full details will be shared, as and when required to make this process smooth as possible.

Coronavirus information - We know many students may now be extremely worried about Coronavirus and how it could affect them. Although we cannot advise on specific medical-related issues concerning Coronavirus, we will certainly be able to signpost families to the most appropriate support. Phase Leaders are contactable via e-mail (Mrs Turner on sarah.turner@kirkleeseducation.uk or Mrs Ashtiaq sobia.ashtiaq@kirkleeseducation.uk) should families have concerns and/or require additional support at what is a difficult time. If

you have any specific safeguarding concerns please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, on mpps.dsl@kirkleeseducation.uk.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops. Regular updates will be available via the School's website and via SchoolPing.

May I wish you and your family well at this difficult time and look forward to seeing you all again soon when things return to normal.

Yours sincerely



Mrs N Nazir

Headteacher