



Glusburn Community Primary School

Respecting Rights, Recognising Responsibilities

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Coronavirus update

16th March 2020.

Dear parents and staff,

Following a Senior Leadership team meeting held this morning alongside the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governing Body I wanted to write to you with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, providing information and clarity.

Will the school close?

We will only close the school if advised by Public Health England that we should do so or if the government announces blanket closures. However insufficient staffing levels due to illness may also necessitate closure. This may happen at short notice but we will endeavour to contact you as quickly as possible.

“Current advice remains in place: no education or children’s social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The Chief Medical Officer has advised that the impact of closing schools on both children’s education and on the workforce would be substantial, but the benefit to public health may not be. Decisions on future advice to education or children’s social care settings will be taken based on the latest and best scientific evidence, which at this stage suggests children are a lower risk group.”

DFE email received 16th March at 1:40pm.

Will my child’s attendance mark be affected if they are absent whilst school is still open?

Advice from the National Association of Headteachers Union (NAHT) and the Local Authority is as follows:

In cases of confirmed Coronavirus exposure, and self-isolation school should use “Y” codes where pupils are not ill but are self-isolating – this means that neither the pupil’s or school’s attendance figures will be affected.

How can parents communicate with school in the event of school closure?

Parents should use admin@glusburn.n-yorks.sch.uk to contact the school during a time of closure. However this email address should only be used for emergency messages and urgent queries and not for day to day contact with teachers.

If school is closed there will obviously be no telephone contact.

Any parent queries about school work can be sent via Dojo. I ask that only adults contact teachers. It has been agreed by teachers that this method of communication is required at this time, however please only use this method of contact during normal schools hours (9:00 – 3:30); I also have a duty to protect teachers’ well-being; they may also be ill or caring for their family.

Parents should not contact staff regarding school matters via social media platforms. There should be no contact over the Easter Holiday period.



Please recycle this paper.



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How will the school communicate with parents?

School staff will contact parents via Dojo regarding school work.

I will contact parents via: Dojo with the same message repeated as an email; whilst also sending a text alert. This 3-pronged communication approach should ensure that all messages are received.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT WE HAVE YOUR MOST UP-TO-DATE CONTACT DETAILS.

What homework will be supplied for my child to complete?

Work will be supplied to children via Class Dojo. Teachers have been asked to provide an overview Curriculum Map of all subjects covered, with work at home tasks and website links.

Parents must ensure that they can access Dojo as this will be the online platform used to provide work.

Please contact your child's class teacher immediately if you are unable access this site.

How else can I support my child's learning at home?

Twinkl resources

Twinkl is offering every teacher and parent in England access to all Twinkl resources with a One Month Ultimate Membership, *totally free of charge* so that pupils can have access to high-quality learning during any periods of disruption. Setting this up is really easy to do - go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS

Kindle: reading

I understand that Kindle are also offering a 2 month trial period; this would be a great way to share reading with your child.

Other online resources

Here is a link to oodles of online FREE resources and worksheets! <http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/>

At the end of this letter is a simple daily structure which may be of use. Please use if you would find it helpful.

What will the implications be for SATS tests in Y2 and Y6, Y1 Phonics Screening, EYFS assessment and the Y4 Times Tables Multiplication test?

I'm aware of the impact this situation is likely to have on tests and exams. Whilst my immediate concern is the health and safety of pupils and their families, clearly the longer-term impact is a concern too. I have been in communication with the NAHT and I'm confident that these matters are being raised with government. I will keep you updated with any further information as and when it is received.

It is reported that Ofqual are "working closely" with awarding organisations and the Department for Education to consider how to manage any particular risks to the smooth running of exams and assessments should there be a widespread outbreak of coronavirus.

It COULD be that the KS2 Year 6 SATS tests are purely teacher assessment based, rather than an external set of examinations for Reading and Maths. This is already the case in Y2 SATs and in Early Years.

I will keep you updated with any further information as and when it is received.

My child receives a free school meal, will meals be provided?

If school is closed then the school kitchen will also be closed. This would mean that there will be no facilities available to provide lunches. It maybe that the local authority provides vouchers, or that the Government announces plans for the provision of food for families. I will keep you updated with any further information as and when it is received.



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Will events be cancelled?

Unfortunately it would be the case that if the school closed then events would be cancelled.

Even if school is open it may be that we consider cancelling or postponing events which include large gatherings.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening planned for 1st and 2nd April **is now cancelled**.

Parents will instead receive an individual data report via email on 30th March. This follows recent assessments that have taken place in school alongside class work to ascertain how well your child is performing academically.

Parents in EYFS will be able to take home their child's Learning Journal at any point to see how their child is learning in school.

Maths Evening and Crucial Crew

The Y6 Crucial Crew trip planned for Friday 20th March and the Maths evening planned for 23rd March are now **both cancelled**.

Clubs

Should school be closed then there will obviously be no after-school clubs.

Should school close parents who have signed up to MadScience should contact them directly on: rebeccad@madsciencenw.com regarding refunds.

I will keep you updated should any event be cancelled or postponed.

Government Advice as of 16th March 2020.

The Chief Medical Officer has provided advice around self-isolation and Public Health England have updated their web pages so we would encourage you to review the updated information online: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

You must self-isolate at home for seven days if you have a recent onset of:

- High temperature and/or
- A new continuous cough

If staff or pupils have these symptoms then they should now take steps to stay at home and not leave their house for seven days from when their symptoms started.

This will help to protect others in the community while they are infectious. Anyone displaying symptoms should not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. Please report absence in the normal way by calling the school office.

If you keep your child at home you do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them they are staying at home and Public Health England will not be testing people who are self-isolating with mild symptoms. If your child's symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, please contact NHS 111 Online at 111.nhs.uk.

If your child is in school and it becomes evident that they have a continuous cough and/or a high temperature, we will contact you immediately and ask for your child to be collected. We will do this not only for the health and wellbeing of your child, but also for the health and wellbeing of the school community.

You can view the guidance around self-isolation online: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you have any concerns you can call the DfE helpline Phone: 0800 046 8687 or Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk between 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

I will continue to provide regular updates regarding this situation and concerned parents should visit the NHS coronavirus webpage <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> in the first instance or phone NHS 111 and seek professional health advice.



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In conclusion

Please keep calm and take care of yourself and each other; particularly the most vulnerable in our society.

Follow Government advice.

Self-isolate at home for seven days if you have a recent onset of:

- High temperature and/or
- A new continuous cough

There are no current plans to close school – but this may change over the coming days or weeks.

If school closes, pupils will be provided with school work; and parents will be provided with a way of communicating with school.

Finally, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to thank all staff members who are all working incredibly hard to ensure we can continue to support the school community.

I understand how challenging and worrying the current situation is and thank you for your patience and support during this difficult period; *we all have family members to protect and we all have the responsibility to end the spread of the virus.*

Foodbanks

Should you wish to contribute to a local foodbank please use:

Skipton Foodbank

Andrew's Church, Skipton, BD23 2JE
Open every weekday, 9.30 to 11.45
07856 080194

Keighley Salvation Army

High Street
Keighley
Keighley
BD21 2LJ
Parcels by referral only.
Thursday's at 1pm-2.30pm
01535 603494
Email: ben.cotterill@salvationarmy.org.uk
Website: <http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk>

Take care,

Richard Hunt
Headteacher



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COVID-19 DAILY SCHEDULE

Before 9.00	Wake Up	Make Bed, Brush Teeth, Breakfast, Wash Up, Get Dressed
9.00-9.30	Morning Read	Share Stories as a Family
9.30-10.30	Fresh Air	Family/dog walk, play outside (Yoga if raining)
10.30-11.30	School Work	No Electronics See overview from class teacher.
11.30-12.30	Creative Time	Lego, Baking, Cooking Lunch, Drawing, Painting, Music, Singing, Dancing etc
12.30-13.30	Lunch/Chores	Lay the table Lots of lunch time chatter House hold chores – help out!
13.30-14.30	Quiet Time	Reading Independently, Puzzles, Nap
14.30-16.00	School Work	Electronics Ok See overview from class teacher.
16.00-17.00	Fresh Air	Family/dog walk, play outside (Yoga if raining)
17.00-18.00	Dinner/Chores	Lay the table Lots of lunch time chatter House hold chores – help out!
18.00-20.00	Free Time	Family Movies, Board Games, Showers, Lounge and chill
20.00	Bed Time	Story Time (Adults reading to) All children
21.00	Bed Time	All children who follow the schedule get to stay up a little later!