



ACE – Academy for Character and Excellence
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Dear parents/carers

Coronavirus update: School Closure

As many of you will be aware, the government has directed all schools to close from next Monday until further notice. This is part of the Government's next steps to manage the coronavirus outbreak.

The last day that the school will be open for all pupils will therefore be this Friday (20th March.)

Education

We remain committed to supporting the education of your children in these challenging circumstances. As a first step, all children will receive a pack of educational activities (including reading, writing and maths) which we would ask them to complete next week before the Easter Holiday period.

We are urgently investigating on-line learning solutions to enable children to access learning after the Easter holidays. To support this, we will need to confirm with all parents/carers what IT – such as computers, tablets or phones – children have access to at home. Alternative paper based arrangements will be put in place for children who do not have access to appropriate IT.

We will let parents/carers know how to access the ongoing learning as soon as the plans are in place.

Communication during the closure

The school will continue to communicate through email, text, Facebook and letter as appropriate for the duration of the closure. Parents should continue to contact the school through the office (01392 255555, email admin.redhills@acexcellence.co.uk)

As part of the remote learning arrangements, children and parents will also be able to contact teachers directly by email as follows:

Cherry	Kate.newland@acexcellence.co.uk	Cedar	Jack.hatton@acexcellence.co.uk
Oak	Claudia.etherton@acexcellence.co.uk	Sycamore	Sylvie.pinder-white@acexcellence.co.uk
Pine	Clara.lyons@acexcellence.co.uk	Maple	Tom.shaw@acexcellence.co.uk
Willow	Kim.wills@acexcellence.co.uk	Silver Birch	Sarah.wilson@acexcellence.co.uk
Cypress	Kim.wills@acexcellence.co.uk	Chestnut	Samuel.butler@acexcellence.co.uk

Please inform the school as soon as possible if your contact details change so we can keep you up to date.

Arrangements for children of key workers

The government has directed all schools to make provision for on-site education for children of families where both parents work in designated key jobs, such as NHS workers and emergency services.

We are waiting for the government to confirm more details, including to confirm which jobs fall into the key worker classification. We will communicate this to parents as soon as we receive this.

If you believe that your occupation will fall into one of the groups and are unable to find alternative childcare, please inform the school office as soon as possible (01392 255555, admin.redhills@acexcellence.co.uk). We will then inform you directly of arrangements for your child / children.

In addition, there are a number of children in school who will fall into one of the priority groups identified by government last night, such as those with a completed Education Health Care Plan. We will contact parents of these children directly by the end of tomorrow.

The senior leadership team will be on the gate at drop off and pick upon Thursday and Friday to answer any questions you have.

These are unprecedented times, but please be reassured we will do everything we can to support your child's ongoing learning for the next few weeks and months.

Yours sincerely

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