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Dear Parents/Carers,  
**RE: Coronavirus update number 4**

Following on from my last update, I am now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close Westbridge to almost all children until further notice. This means that Westbridge will be closed to all pupils and staff from today.**

As advised by the government, we will do everything that we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you are a key worker, or your child is vulnerable. We will be in touch again as soon as we are certain who this does apply to and we will be prepared to open Westbridge from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 to specified children.

**All other children will need to stay at home, so do not send your child into school tomorrow, e.g. from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 onwards.**

Please note that this is a national closure – as you 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 are told to do so by the government and will let you know when this is by ParentMail and Twitter.

### Home learning

Your child's learning is important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn remotely.

We will send a work pack home today, which includes:

1. General writing and maths tasks
2. Individual login details for children to complete activities on the following websites:
  - <https://www.purplemash.com/login/> (curriculum activities for YrN to Year 6)
  - <https://www.sumdog.com> (maths activities for Year 1 to Year 6)
  - <https://play.trockstars.com/auth> (maths activities for Year 2 to Year 6)

In addition to this:

1. Each Monday, class teachers will set a writing task on Purple Mash (<https://www.purplemash.com>) for children from Year 2 to Year 6 to complete. The writing task will be marked remotely (e.g. online) by teachers once per week.
2. Children are expected to read daily – if you have not already done so, please visit your local library to borrow some books.

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3. Children from Year N to Year 6 are able to complete curriculum activities on the following websites, using a general login and password:
- [www.discoveryeducation.co.uk](http://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk) Username - student21665 Password – student
  - [www.twinkl.co.uk/offer](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer) Code - UKTWINKLHELPS

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

Until the government provides further details regarding the scheme, we will allow one parent of children who receive free school meals to come into the KS1 playground from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 between 11am and 12noon to collect packed lunches for their children. This arrangement may change if we receive further updates from the government.

This is all of the information we have right now and we appreciate your continued support, as the entire country deals with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family; however, we will continue to remain positive and keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

**Please remember:** if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](https://www.nhs.uk).

Thank you again for your continued support - we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Thompson  
Headteacher