



Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It is with much sadness that I write this as we prepare to close down our school as we know it for the foreseeable future. The situation has moved on rather rapidly over the past few days and we have no idea of when we will be able to reopen. I am sure you will appreciate how unsettling this is for the children especially, as adults, we cannot give any definite answers. It is also particularly upsetting for our Year 6 children not knowing if we will return in time for them to enjoy their last few weeks at their primary school and to say goodbye to each other. Thank you to parents who have rallied and have started work on their Year Book so that they will have something to commemorate their time at Danbury Park School. I have promised the children that should they not be able to return to school in June or July, we will hold a special reunion in the Autumn to celebrate their primary years and of course, present their dictionaries!

Yesterday your child should have brought home a pack of work to follow during the closure period. The pack is designed to cover learning for several weeks, so you will need to look through the packs and organise the tasks into activities for the day. Please include a balance of English, Maths and other subjects. Some activities are based around a topic and will require several days' work. Talk to your child about the usual school timetable and agree a daily timetable with them. Remember to schedule in regular breaks as well as time for physical activity (Joe Wicks will be doing a daily workout for children – see facebook and YouTube). Playing in the garden will enable them to burn off excess energy as well as get a healthy dose of fresh air. Agree on the times when school work will start and finish for the day.

On the school website we will be providing additional ideas and resources for activities. These are under the Home Learning button on the main menu. Over the coming weeks, these resources will grow and be developed. I have also set up e-mail accounts for each class so that, with your help, they can stay in touch with their class teachers, either e-mailing in work they want to share or questions they want to ask. Please note that these will only be manned during usual school days and hours and as long as the teachers are well. The addresses are:

ClassA@danburypark.essex.sch.uk

ClassC@danburypark.essex.sch.uk

ClassD@danburypark.essex.sch.uk

ClassE@danburypark.essex.sch.uk

ClassF@danburypark.essex.sch.uk

ClassG@danburypark.essex.sch.uk

ClassH@danburypark.essex.sch.uk

For Class B please use admin@danburypark.essex.sch.uk

For Class J and Class H EYFS please use *Tapestry*.

On Monday morning, those children of key workers, for whom there is **no alternative** childcare, should come into the school office at 9.00am with their PE kits, learning packs (sent home yesterday), reading book and diary, water bottle and packed lunch. Please note there will be a limited school meal option available. The children may wear non-school uniform. The children will gather in the school hall and will



then undertake a variety of activities throughout the day as organised by the available staff. This will probably not be their usual class teacher or teaching assistant and the day will not follow our usual teaching timetable or structure.

At this moment in time we do not know when schools will reopen. When we do, we will notify parents via Parentmail and the school website.

We will send out regular communications via e-mail and copies of these letters will be added to the website on the newsletters page, so please check regularly. The school office and e-mail will continue to be monitored, so please use these should you need to contact us.

This is an unprecedented situation and one, which we will all remember for the rest of our lives. Over the coming weeks and months, we will all have to draw on our resilience, generosity and optimism and hope that this will make us all stronger. Thank you for the many kind wishes and offers of support over the last few days. I look forward to the return of normality.

I wish you and your families the very best.

Yours sincerely,



Carol Gooding
Headteacher

