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Dear Parents

Enforced School Closure effective from Friday 20th March

As explained in my previous correspondences, today will sadly be the final day for most children at Hazelbury until further notice. Today will also be the final day for all clubs including breakfast and after school clubs.

In order to help the country fight the virus but keep functioning, we will be offering childcare for only our most vulnerable children and children of key workers. The guidance from the Government around this has just been published, follow the link below to see if you qualify for this care :

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. **If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.**

Home Learning During School Closure

As a result of the school closure, we have tried to ensure that children have all of their logins to their online accounts with Ed Shed, Timestable Rockstars, IXL and Purple Mash. If your child does not have their logins please contact the school office.

Specific home learning tasks will be posted weekly on our school website. These will be under *Year group information*. We will also share the link to this via our social media. However, as you will appreciate, this is dependent on teachers being well enough to work. Staff will not provide feedback on home learning during this period, neither will it be marked when children return to school.

Also, your own family circumstances may mean that it is not possible to complete all tasks every week. We understand that this may be a challenge given the unprecedented circumstances we are all facing. We therefore do not want to add any additional burden to families who may be supporting poorly or vulnerable family members at this time. Please do what you can.

We encourage children to create a timetable for each of the school days that we are closed. This will help them keep to a routine and allow some time for parents to work while they are completing their activities. While there is plenty on the website for children to do, there may also be opportunities for children to develop life skills during this period of time at home such as cooking, gardening, sewing, building and playing board games to name a few. Teachers will suggest ideas in their weekly home learning.

Please also be mindful of your own and children's mental well-being during this period. I know this is a time of distress and worry for us all. Resources on well-being and mindfulness will be available on the website soon.

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National Testing

[The Secretary of State for Education announced](#) , that the 2019/20 national curriculum assessments will not take place due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This means the following assessments planned between April and July 2020 are cancelled:

- End of key stage 1 and key stage 2 SATs
- Year 1 phonics screening check
- Year 4 multiplication tables check

Primary school performance measures will not be published for the 2019/20 academic year.

Free School Meals

If your child is on free school meals, we will be contacting you separately to explain how we will be supporting you through the school closure period.

Communication with Parents

office@hazelburyprimaryelt.org will continue to be checked throughout the school closure. We will endeavour to respond as quickly as we can.

Once the decision to reopen the school has been made, a letter will be sent to parents. A message will also be placed on the school website and via our social media.

Safeguarding Children

If you have any safeguarding concerns about the welfare of your child or another child in the school or any mental health concerns, please email the school office and we will contact you to discuss your concerns and arrange support. Safeguarding concerns can also be reported to Enfield MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) on 020 8378 5555. For further information on how to contact the MASH online please visit <https://new.enfield.gov.uk/enfieldscb/professionals-volunteers/multi-agency-safeguarding-hub-mash/>

If a child is in immediate danger call 999. If you need to report a non-urgent criminal matter to the police, dial 101.

The children have been fantastic during this time. Thank you children, for being so amazing!

I would like to pay tribute to the wonderful efforts of all our staff who have been giving so much during these uncertain times and will continue with this commitment; which is truly admirable.

I would also like to send my most sincere thanks to you, the parents, for your understanding and the many kind words that we have received. It means an awful lot to me and my staff to have your support during this unprecedented time. I wish you and your families well during this difficult period.

Kind Regards

Mel Bowman
Acting Headteacher