

RE: School closure due to coronavirus

Dear parent,

We will close at 3.10 on Friday, except for vulnerable pupils and children of key workers. We are waiting for a list of key workers so that we know who is eligible to attend school. Once we have an idea of numbers, we will be better placed to provide more details about what provision for the community we will be able to offer.

We will keep you informed of any developments via email and text message, including our re-opening date. Please make sure you have provided your current contact details to the school office to ensure you receive our correspondence. If you need to provide new contact details, they can be sent via email to admin@northburn.northumberland.sch.uk.

Educational arrangements

We are hoping that your child will be able to continue learning at home and have planned some activities that they will be able to complete. Here is a summary. You can also find more information on our website under Curriculum. Useful websites can be found on our 'Support your child' area. We will update the website as necessary.

Nursery and Reception - Class 2 and Class 3

- Children will have additional reading books, new sounds to learn and previously taught sounds to consolidate. Further, children will also be provided with handwriting activities and practical maths activities.
- Children can also use this time to complete *Challenge Award* activities.
- Staff will also set regular challenges on *Tapestry*, so please remember to check.

KS1 (Classes 4,5 and 6)

- Children can practise their handwriting using the *Letter Join* handwriting scheme. Practical handwriting activities can be downloaded from Letter Join.
- Practise Year 1 and Year 2 *Common Exception Words*.
- Complete English and maths activities set by the teacher.
- Complete reading activities, as described on the teacher worksheet.
- Children can also use this time to complete *Challenge Award* activities.

Please refer to *Teacher Packs* for home-learning activities.

LKS2 (Classes 7,8 and 9)

- Activities will be set on School 360 and Mathletics.
- Children are encouraged to practise their times tables on Times Tables Rockstars.
- They can continue with their Accelerated Reader text and read additional books of their choice - these can be recorded in their reading diary.

Please refer to *Teacher Packs* for home-learning activities.

UKS2 (Classes 10,11,12)

- Please refer to *Teacher Packs* for home-learning activities, including the overview from teachers.
- Maths: activities will be set on Times Table Rockstars and Mathletics. Written activities have been included in your Teacher Pack.
- English: children are encouraged to read daily - completing a Reading Project, alongside some writing tasks that include applying spelling rules. In addition some grammar activities have also been included.
- We have included some suggestions for other parts of the curriculum.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our pupils and staff. If you need to contact the school for any reason during this period of closure, you can do so by emailing us at admin@northburn.northumberland.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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