



# FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

You will have heard in the news that the government is making daily announcements in relation to the rapidly evolving coronavirus pandemic, and I am sure you will have heard that there is a high probability that this could involve school closure at some point.

**As we write this letter, we remain open as usual.** However, we would like to reassure you that we are planning carefully how to proceed and are thinking through some of the implications of an extended school closure for our children, staff and their families.

## Communication:

In the event of a school closure due to coronavirus, we would communicate this via our school website.

It is unlikely that we would be able to indicate how long we would be closed for, but any change to our status would be communicated via the school website, so it will be important to check this daily.

We will endeavour to have access to Schoolgateway, and may use this for communication, but this is not guaranteed.

We will also endeavour to respond to emails to the [admin@fairlands.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fairlands.herts.sch.uk) account, as is normal practice during times when the school is closed, including liaising with other professionals as necessary.

Whilst our children are not on site, the site will be completely closed to prevent any germs spreading- therefore our staff will not be available face to face. Please contact [admin@fairlands.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fairlands.herts.sch.uk) if you are concerned about 'surviving' over this period as they can signpost to family support services.

## Curriculum:

We will support learning at home, in order for children to continue to make progress in their learning. We recognise that children's individual access to the internet; ability to work alongside an adult; chance of using a computer and other equipment may vary hugely. Therefore we will not be setting 'lessons' but signposting to learning opportunities.

At Fairlands we will:

- Ask you to 'Chat, Play and Read' with your child during the period of school closure
- Provide a weekly blog, on a Monday morning, from each year group, giving guidance about possible learning opportunities and challenges for that week
- Give you all of our learning platform websites/passwords and the details for specific apps we use in school, such as Purple Mash, Bug Club, Time Tables Rock Stars and Education City.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Headteacher

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