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Dear Parents

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) – School Closure Plans

Following yesterday's announcement that schools will close for most pupils on Friday, this letter outlines our plans for Home Learning.

On Friday, each child in Years 1-6 will receive a 'Home Learning Journal'. This book will be where most of the learning taking place can be recorded. The book will be individually stickered with your child's name. Inside there will be an insert, which indicates the log-in details for the range of on-line resources for them to use.

This Home Learning will be shared with the school when the children return. Please be advised that these will be looked at by your child's class teacher but will not be marked in the same way as other learning based at school would be.

We are aware that there are a number of children already absent from school and therefore will not receive these books. To ensure that we are not missing anyone, the Park Avenue school office will be open between 12.00 and 1.00 each day next week for you to pick these up.

For children in Nursery and Reception, there will be a sheet of learning shared each week. This will be a list of practical activities that you can do at home. These should be straightforward and fun and will reinforce some of the learning the children have experienced so far this year.

For children in Years 1-6, the school will be using Purple Mash to organise the majority of the Home-Learning during this period. This is an on-line resource and letters with further details were sent home with the children yesterday. If you have not received it then it will be included with your 'Home Learning Journal'.

We are mindful that some parents will have excellent access to the internet and on-line learning. Other families may not. Please can you let the school offices know if you would need to have a hard copy of any resources that are shared online. These can be collected from the school office as above.

Either tomorrow or first thing Monday morning, there will be a sheet shared with you via email and on the school website. This will outline what the expectations will look like each week for your child. This will be updated weekly.

Obviously, there is an expectation that reading takes place daily. Libraries are likely to close so please do let the school know if you might need additional reading material. We will do our best to support you here.

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Writing is also a key skill to continue and there will be a task shared each week via Purple Mash or the activity sheet. There will be Maths activities set which can be supplemented with online resources. Other activities will also be set through Purple Mash.

The work set will be monitored regularly by your child's class teacher. It will also be updated as necessary on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please be aware that there might be a need to change these plans as the closure continues. As a school we will continue to aim to keep you fully informed via the usual channels.

Each week, there will also be a link to the 4 Core Skills and 8 Great Values (similar to what is shared in the weekly newsletter). This will involve watching a clip and having a discussion with your child(ren) at home.

We are mindful there are further details still uncertain about what the government considers 'key workers'. We will share more information as soon as we are able.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Paul Grimwood'.

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher