



Ash Grove Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, please can I thank you for your continued support at this difficult time. You will be aware that schools are operating with a limited number of staff due to the national situation. We are doing all we can to keep the school open whilst maintaining safety for our children and staff. We expect an announcement at 5pm this afternoon from the education secretary around current plans for schools in England.

If we reach the stage where schools can no longer operate, we have prepared plans to offer a limited range of activities for children to do over the time we are closed.

These include:

- Maths activity work
- Comprehension activity work
- Writing tasks

These activities require no teaching input. Children will be able to practise skills they have already learned when they do these activities, so they should not need any additional support other than continuing to support with reading.

A large proportion of our families may not have regular and reliable broadband or access to devices. We also do not know how this will develop over the next few months. We have therefore decided to prepare packs that children can take away rather than rely on possible unreliable online services.

We understand that each household is different and so for some children it may not be possible to complete these tasks. As such we would like to make it clear that we have no expectation that pupils work is completed, and we do not require any work to be returned to school. Pupils have the option to complete as little or as much as they wish to.

Packs will be given out to pupils tomorrow (Thursday 18th March 2020) to pupils attending school. For those pupils currently self-isolating, packs may be collected from the main entrance on **Thursday 19th March between 1:15 and 2:15**. In order to minimise social contact it is not possible for these to be delivered to homes or for adults to come into school.

Please be assured that school remains fully open tomorrow, and we look forward to seeing pupils who are not currently isolating (subject to the announcement later today).

Yours sincerely

Mr S Walker
Headteacher



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