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Principal : Mrs J Quarrie

Dear Parents/carers

19 March 2020

As you may have heard, today the government has announced that all schools must close due to the Coronavirus. As a consequence Ocean Academy will close at the end of the school day tomorrow – Friday 19 March 2020. This is until further notice. We will keep our website updated with any information about the date of reopening.

During the period of closure, teachers will be setting appropriate work for all students. This can be accessed as identified in the previous email regarding home learning (see attached as a reminder). Students can contact their teacher via Google Classroom for advice about their work during normal school hours. Students have been issued with these log on details.

Our expectations of students are that they should complete all of the work set by their teachers and should aim to work from home during normal school hours.

Even during a period of school closure, our primary concern is the safety of our pupils. We have identified Ms Simpson as a trained member of staff who has been designated to maintain regular contact with families where there are specific pupil needs.

During the closure period there is an emergency email address that parents can use to contact the school. It is important that this contact is only used for emergency messages and urgent queries- office@ocean-aspirations.org.

I am aware of the impact this situation is likely to have on Year 6 SATs tests. Whilst my immediate concern is the health and safety of pupils and their families, clearly the longer term impact is a concern too. Whilst it is too early to give a definitive answer on this, we are confident that government is currently exploring all possible scenarios and options and we will continue to be involved in these discussions.

Aspirations HQ will be letting us know this afternoon about staff duties and if schools are remaining open next week for the children of key workers. The list of key workers will be released today from the Cabinet Office. Please can you bring evidence to school today and tomorrow if you fall within the key worker bracket so that we can plan for the possible number of children who may be coming into school next week. We will give you updates as we get them. If you are planning to send you child to school with an EHCP, please let us know. Again., this has not been verified as yet by Aspirations HQ.

We would urge you to follow the latest government advice regarding the virus and keep up to date to follow changes to this advice.

As we receive further information on the closure for parents/carers it will be posted on the school website.

We wish you well during this very difficult time and look forward to seeing you all again as soon as we are able to reopen our school. This information will be text out and put on the school website.

Best wishes

Mrs J Quarrie
Principal

