



Dear Parents. Carers and families,

Schools are to remain closed for the foreseeable future as part of the government's strategy to protect the public from the coronavirus. The key message is to 'Stay Home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives'. Thank you for your support in this over the last four weeks. It has been a very different and difficult time for us all and at the moment we don't know when our school will reopen but we will inform you as soon as we do. School has been open for the children of some keyworkers and staff have worked on a rota so to limit the time people are out of their homes and in school providing childcare.



This week teachers are taking the time to phone all our families to check how things have been going during the lockdown and if there is anything else we can do to support you. We hope you will take the time to talk to staff and that your child can say a quick hello. We are missing all our pupils as much as they are missing school.

Now as we go into a new term we are hoping to have more interaction with the children and their activities at home through a class email. This means that teachers will email a weekly range of tasks at the start of the week for pupils to complete as and when they want to and then you can send photos or examples of their work and activities directly back to the teacher via the class email. Work will not be marked but teachers will respond with comments, praise and encouragement. The activities set do not require you to print anything off. They can be completed in the workbooks we sent home, or on paper and if you need any more writing materials—please contact school and we can organise that. This week (until we have confirmed all emails) and in the future we will also put the weekly tasks on class pages on the school website and send them through Marvellous Me.

This is a very strange way of working for us all, but please don't worry or get stressed over your child's level of engagement and enthusiasm for the tasks — there are no expectations from us about what your child does or doesn't do. Also, please do not worry too much about your child 'falling behind'. Every child in the country is in the same situation.

BBC Bitesize are now providing a new education programme with daily maths, English and themed lessons which look great. Teachers may make reference to these in their weekly tasks and they are definitely worth a look: [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

The class emails are as follows:

Nursery ( Miss Curtis)	nursery@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
Reception ( Mrs Wilson)	reception@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
KS1 Language Unit ( Mrs Henman/Smart)	ks1slu@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
KS2 Language Unit (Miss Gowland)	ks2slu@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
Year 1 ( Miss Theaker)	year1@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
Year 2 ( Ms Aitchison)	year2@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
Year 3 ( Mrs Slater)	year3@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
Year 4 ( Mrs Spicer / Guilfoyle)	year4@overfieldsprimary.org.uk
Year 5 ( Miss Bass)	year5@overfieldsprimamry.org.uk
Year 6 ( Miss Whitby )	year6@overfieldsprimary.org.uk

Hopefully those eligible have now had an email regarding FSM vouchers. Unfortunately the government website was not geared up for the pressure of requests and frustratingly, they have taken longer to organise and be emailed out than we were expecting. There should now be a weekly £15 FSM voucher per pupil being emailed directly to you. (This does not cover universal free school meals—the government scheme whereby all Reception and KS1 pupils got a school meal when school is open) .

Please remember that although school is not open to the majority of pupils, we are still here and if you need any support—just phone. If we're not in the office you can leave a message and someone will get back to you. You can also contact school via our email [overfieldsadmin@overfieldsprimary.org.uk](mailto:overfieldsadmin@overfieldsprimary.org.uk) School will continue to use the school website, Twitter ( @OverfieldsPri) and Marvellous Me to send and share information with you as well as the newly set up class emails.

Take care, stay safe and well and we hope to see you all very soon.

Mrs Watson and all the staff at Overfields Primary.

