



20th March 2020

Dear Parent

School Closure – Update 20th March

As we close Axe Valley at the end of today for the majority of our pupils, I wanted to extend my thanks to the whole community who have come together and shown solidarity, support and kindness. We have been inundated with messages of thanks and kind words about staying safe and healthy as a staff body and we are very grateful to you all for this. We can't wait to reopen our gates when it is safe to do so!

I wanted to let you know that the staff at Axe Valley have been exceptional. They have worked tirelessly on providing a quality at home learning package and come in without question to maintain the best educational experience they can for all of the students who have been well enough. They know that they will continue to show their dedication to you over the coming weeks.

We have emailed all Keyworkers who are allocated a place next week and confirmed the places. As such if you haven't received this you must ring reception as a matter of urgency as we cannot offer places for any students who are not booked in.

All year groups have today received an assembly on how to cope with these unprecedented times over coming weeks and I enclose a helpful guide to coping and useful links with this letter. They have had extended tutor time this afternoon to do the following things:

1. Go through logging into ClassCharts and accessing work
2. Go through how to write an email and send it to teachers
3. Allow students to collect any books they need
4. Allow students to collect additional resources they need e.g. spare exercise books and pens/pencils
5. Allow students to access the library to take out reading book

We have also used the DfE website to reinforce the government guidance on guidance on self-isolation and household isolation. Finally we have given them time to be together and connect to ensure they leave us feeling as happy and supported as they can.

All our families will remain in our thoughts and we wish you a healthy and safe few weeks. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns, need any help or guidance or want to check in. We will continue to offer all the extended support to our community that we are able.

Yours sincerely

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