



GLENESK

Pre-Prep School & Nursery

19th March 2020

Dear Parents,

School Closure from end of school day Friday

As you will be aware, the Government yesterday evening announced the closure of all schools in England from the end of Friday 20 March due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Our school premises will continue as normal today and Friday. The Easter term will still end on 27th March and we are planning on summer term commencing as previously advised on 21 April, whether physically at school or virtually.

We are exploring the means by which we could offer supervised care for the children of key workers. Please let me know by the end of today (sarah.bradley@gleneskschool.co.uk) if you feel you may fall into this category and we will confirm details shortly.

Remote learning

The Remote Learning Programme for next week, is contained in the work packs which will be sent home with your child today. For those parents, whose children are **not in school today**, Remote Learning Packs will be left ready for you from 12 midday in named waterproof boxes outside the school double door entrance for you to collect at your convenience.

Online learning

Should the situation persist into next term, we will continue to provide the children's daily learning via our online learning platform "Seesaw", specific details of which will be sent to you shortly. Please note the online learning via Seesaw will be delivered to **all** children from Nursery upwards and will include daily video clips and activities from their teachers.

Reassurance

I appreciate this news is unsettling but want to reassure you of the steps we are taking to provide support for our students and parents during the closure. As you know, we've been working closely with our Cognita colleagues in Asia, where some countries have had mandatory school closures for many weeks. Our plan for Glenesk is informed by the practice they've put in place and we are confident we have an effective strategy for all our children, including our very youngest, to continue learning. We have recently refreshed the digital technology in our school and conducted training in its use which means our teaching staff are well equipped to make the transition to digital learning for your child.

Support for you and your children

We appreciate that there will be an impact on parents and advice from our Cognita Group Wellbeing Director Beth Kerr on supporting your child through school closure was sent previously and is now on the dedicated section on our website.

Contacting your class teacher

All teachers will be on their school email address and will be contactable either directly or through the school office. We will continue to communicate closely with you throughout the closure and will update you as soon as we have more information regarding when school will reopen.

Our teachers have been preparing well for the possibility of a closure and have worked extraordinarily hard to keep school life as normal as possible for your children during the last few weeks. All our efforts are concentrated on two priorities: maintaining the wellbeing of our children and ensuring the continuity of their education in the days or weeks to come.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

With best wishes,

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