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School closure and ongoing arrangements

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday evening, the Government announced that all schools will close until further notice at the end of the day on Friday 20th March and this will apply to our school. The only exception to this will be for vulnerable children (i.e. those with EHC plans and/ or who have a social worker) and children of "key workers". In terms of "key workers", provision will only be available for those families where **both** parents / carers are "key workers" or in single parent families where the parent / carer is a key worker. If you meet the afore mentioned criteria, please email: keyworker@rolls-crescent.manchester.sch.uk by 3.00 pm on Friday 20th March to inform us if you would like you son/daughter to continue attending school from Monday 23rd March. Please include in your email your child's name, your address and postcode, details of both parents/ carers current roles and the days you both work. We will then add your child's name to our register for these days.

To support children eligible for Free School Meals, the Government is arranging for schools to be able to either purchase meals or access vouchers for supermarkets or local shops. When we have clarity over this issue we will confirm the arrangements via our communication channels.

We, like you, are concerned about the impact school closures will have on children's academic development. Over the last few weeks, we have been preparing learning resources on our year group blogs in order to support your child(ren)'s learning during this closure. With this in mind, we have prepared a number of resources for your child to use during the school closure. If Parents and Carers have the opportunity to support their children with some of the activities and lessons posted, it will help to make up for the learning they will have unfortunately lost during this time. We recommend daily maths, English and reading activities, and on-going research/ tasks linked to your child's Science and topic work Please check the school blog for updates on home learning on website. Our website address is:

https://rolls-crescent.manchester.sch.uk/

Other online resources that can help during this time are: Twinkl <u>https://www.twinkl.co.uk/</u>











Next is a link to the login screen for discovery education espresso.

https://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/what-we-offer/discovery-education-espresso

All children can log in with the following details:

Student22169

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Times Table Rockstars is an online resource that supports pupils with learning times tables. If your child is in KS2 they will have been given a username and passwords for TT Rockstars so they can access this at home. Similarly, if your child is in KS1 or Y3, Numbots is an online resource which will help develop recall of number facts and your child will have received a username and password.

The following link will give you access to a range of free resources

https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/135609/list-of-education-companies-offering-free-subscriptions/?fbclid=IwAR10Q_Ksrl93yW-ElvY4ifKxjKCZX1yNHMJk1aYUte3KOW8Vs8kPo2BhVgY

Play-based learning ideas for all year groups (Reception to Y6).

https://playhooray.co.uk/blogs/news/play-for-all-ages

Updates on the status of school can be found on our website home page on our Twitter feed. Please monitor updates on the status of school and share these with other parents/ carers.

Thank you for the many positive messages of support that we have received from parents over the past few days. Your understanding and compassion at this challenging time is appreciated.

If any of the contents of this letter are unclear or if you require any further support please contact us via the email address and we will respond as soon as possible.

We wish all our families all the best, hope that you stay safe and well during this period and we look forward to seeing everyone back.

Yours sincerely

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