



We are all entering into a new area of uncertainty given what is happening across the country and the world due to the Coronavirus. As schools we have continued to follow advice from Public Health England and the Department of Education and as you will be aware we are now closing for the time being. You will have received several communications from our CEO, Mr Alun Williams, who has explained in depth the steps that the schools in the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership have had to take.

Our school will be open for a very few children next week; these are children in households where the adults are key workers who are critical to the COVID-19 response and where their children cannot be kept safe at home. Our staff will be working in school on a rota basis to care for these children and support them with their learning tasks, much as many of you will be doing with your own children at home. This will continue during the Easter break as well and until we have news that we will be opening again.

All the teachers have prepared work for their pupils, along with a letter explaining the tasks they are requiring the children to complete. Much of this learning is online but some may be on paper. All the teachers are contactable during working hours on their emails:

Class 1: hmason@farringtongurneyschool.co.uk

Class 2: ebailey@farringtongurneyschool.co.uk

Class 3: pmarvin@farringtongurneyschool.co.uk

Class 4: kglover@farringtongurneyschool.co.uk

Mrs Glover left school this week given the circumstances, as she is now over 7 months pregnant. Her maternity leave is not due to begin for several weeks, so she will continue to set and mark the work for children in Class 4. We all wish her and her husband the very best and will of course let you know any news when we hear it. I will be taking on the setting and marking of work once Mrs Glover has officially started her leave.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals (through being Eligible by Benefits, not to be confused with the Infant Free School Meals) then your child will have brought home a letter from the Catering Department of the Trust today to let you know where and when you can access packed lunches next week. This may change to a voucher scheme over the coming weeks but ensures food for the coming week is provided.

We will also be able to provide you with information about refunds for trips and activities next week by email, so please look out for that.

Mrs Hazard and I will be available on our office email address if you have any questions over the coming days and weeks, and during school hours there will be someone at school on the end of the phone. Please do contact us if you have anything that we can support you with.

These are unprecedented times and above all we want our pupils and their families to be safe and healthy. Please look after yourselves and we will look forward to seeing you all again when we return later in the year.

Best wishes from all the staff at Farrington Gurney.