20 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Closure update

Firstly can I just express, on behalf of the whole staff team, how appreciative we are of your amazing comments and messages of support for the school at this incredibly challenging time. Our governors are committed to supporting our community in whatever ways possible over the coming weeks and months.

Today I have also written to the children and separately to our Year 6s, who may have moved on to secondary schools by the time we reopen. Please make every effort to read these letters at home together.

As you hopefully know by now, the government decided that schools will close at the end of today for the majority of pupils. This morning they explained more details about which children will be able to use schools from Monday. They are clear that ‘schools are being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.’

We intend to make a range of resources available at the front gate to all members of our community, including paper and pencils, books and compost.

We also intend to provide Free School Meals to eligible pupils. Parents and carers of eligible pupils will be contacted separately.

From Monday (23rd) will therefore provide care for any current pupils who:

- ‘are vulnerable’ – if your child has an EHCP (Education Health Care Plan) or is supported by a social worker
- have ‘parents critical to the Covid-19 response’ – if a child’s parents or carers work in the key sectors outlined by the government and they are unable to ensure that their child can be looked after at home.

If your child meets either of these criteria, we are intending to look after her/him between 8.30am and 4.30pm from Monday until further notice. Please contact us via admin@heathbrook.org to confirm attendance or for more details.

Kind regards,

Ben Roberts
Headteacher