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Dear parents/carers,

## Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs. We are still waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. If you haven't already done so, please contact the school office on 01553 828348 or via email [office@terrington-st-clement.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@terrington-st-clement.norfolk.sch.uk). We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

**All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.** Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know as soon as this is possible. Our principle method of communicating with parents will be via Marvellous Me but we will also update our News section, accessible from the Home Page of our [Website](#). Please ensure that you have access to one or both of these so that we can keep you informed. The [Norfolk School Closure](#) website will also provide information about school closures.

## What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

- All work will be posted in the [Learners'](#) section of our website. There is already links to our online content. Additional weekly tasks will be posted each Monday for completion during the week. The [FAQ for Parents](#) page contains further information (included at the end of this letter).
- If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

## What we won't be able to go ahead with

The government have informed us today that all testing, including KS1 and KS2 SATs, Y1 Phonics Screening and Y4 Multiplication Tests will not go ahead this year.



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This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via our office email, [office@terrington-st-clement.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@terrington-st-clement.norfolk.sch.uk). This will be monitored Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

Thank you again for your continued support, the response from parents and carers has been greatly appreciated by all of the staff. We will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours Faithfully



Miss A Conner, Headteacher



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# FAQ for Parents

## How often will work be set?

Work will be set at the beginning of each week and initially from the second day of closure to allow staff an opportunity to plan and prepare this. We are not asking staff to plan this in advance of closure as, I am sure you will appreciate, they are already fully deployed planning and preparing for work in school whilst we remain open.

## How will my child's work be marked?

We are encouraging learners to access the online content primarily such as Doodle Maths, Read Theory, Tackling Tables and Bug Club as these are self marking and will provide instant feedback. There is some useful information about how parents can access Doodle Maths and track your child's progress [here](#) if you would like to do this.

Teachers are able to access information about pupil activity and progress on each of the online sites and will respond and offer rewards in the form of Terries or encouragement via Marvellous Me. The set tasks posted each week, should be completed in Homework Books. On return to school, we will clearly be unable to mark weeks' worth of work but will celebrate effort in school and again reward with Terries or other class incentives.

## What if my child is being looked after by someone else and there is limited opportunity to complete this work?

All we are asking is that you do what you can. We do fully appreciate how tricky this will be for working parents/carers. Any work that your child can complete will avoid them falling behind and help them to maintain their progress. If your time is limited, focus on ensuring that you read regularly with your child and practise age appropriate maths skills either via Doodle Maths or for younger children by playing various counting games.

## What if my child has a Special Educational Need?

All we are asking is that you attempt what you can. It may be that some children will require further guidance or support than others. We have planned our tasks with this in mind. Most are open-ended so can be completed at the level your child is working. The online learning is pitched at the level that your child is working.

## How can I contact the school?

You can contact the school via our office email account [office@terrington-st-clement.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@terrington-st-clement.norfolk.sch.uk). This will be monitored daily, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm and we will aim to respond the same day if possible. If you have a safeguarding concern about the welfare of a child should be reported to the Norfolk Child Advice and Duty Service (CADS) on **0344 800 8020**.



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