



# Castor Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following yesterday's announcement by the Secretary of State for Education, I am writing to confirm the closure of our school from the end of the day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March for the foreseeable future. Castor Crew will still run on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

This closure will be for all children, with the exception of children of 'key workers' and 'vulnerable children'. We are expecting further clarity from the Cabinet Office tomorrow on who these children are, and I will provide further information as soon as I have it.

During this time, we will try and provide continuity for our families and a standard of education for our children to the best that we can, and to the best that circumstances and resources, both at home and at school, will allow.

We will be realistic that any work that is to be completed is likely to be completed under the supervision of a parent or family member, and not an educational professional. Any work we set will therefore aim to be achievable for the children, but also meaningful. Because this is distance learning, this is going to likely be learning from worksheets or scanned in / photographed pages from text books. As close as we can, this will replicate the curriculum in school, but this will not always be possible.

As a minimum, and at an age appropriate level, on a daily basis we will be setting:

- A daily Maths task
- A daily written task
- Daily reading for at least 20 minutes
- Daily practise of the weekly spellings
- Daily practise of times tables / addition/subtraction facts
- A weekly wider curriculum based task



*"We have faith in God, ourselves and everyone around us"*

Each class will have an email address and work will be shared electronically to the primary contact email address that we currently have stored on ParentMail. The work for each day will be sent by 8:45am each day. If you have the facility to print, then you can do, or alternatively the children can work from a tablet or computer screen.

To the best that they are able to, teachers will be available on this email account during the day to respond to queries relating to the work that has been set. This will not be like ParentMail which you are not able to respond to - we have set it up this way to facilitate dialogue. However, please bear in mind that a response may not be immediate, as there are up to 30 children in the class all communicating to one teacher. Please also consider that the teacher themselves may also have children or family members at home from their own schools that need caring for and looking after.

Parents are invited, where possible, to return work electronically. This is likely to be either a photograph of the work or it being scanned in. As with the setting of the work, we will endeavour to assess this as best we can at distance.

Whole school communication will continue to be through Mrs Baxter-Edwards ([secretary@castor.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@castor.peterborough.sch.uk)) and messages will also be sent home through ParentMail.

I hope you all keep well during this period away from school, and we look forward to all resuming as normal. Although we will be closed, we are still 'working' so please do keep in contact and we will continue to support our families and our children in any way that we can.

Kind regards,



Mr N Brompton  
Headteacher