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HOLMLEIGH CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – SCHOOL CLOSURE

Dear Parent/Carer,

The government has taken the decision to close schools across England from Friday 20th March. In accordance with this our school will close at 1.30 pm on Friday. In a written statement on Wednesday 18th March the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, has said: “*We will not go ahead with primary school assessments or secondary exams this summer.* From next week, schools in England will be expected to play a new role **in support of vulnerable learners and key workers**. This will involve us being open for some students. *We will directly contact families of students who we expect to be in schools in the first group and will be in touch with parents/carers about key worker status.*

Home Learning

We have made some provision to support children’s continued learning at home.

Online

On our school website we have posted under the PUPILS section a detailed list of free online resources for learning. Especially recommended is TWINKL, which is offering free membership to anyone for one month. Materials can be downloaded and printed, or worked on online. Also, ESPRESSO access is free but requires username and password specific to our school subscription. If you have not got this information, please let a member of staff know, they can set you up for this.

Home learning packs

We have prepared home learning packs which we will send home today or tomorrow. If your child has not been in school the pack will be available for collection tomorrow morning from the school office.

Home Learning Timetable

We recommend that you set up a timetable for learning at home. Here is one suggestion.

Morning	9 – 9.30	9.30-10.00	10.00 -11.00	11.15 – 12.00	12.00 -1.30
Monday	Local Walk <i>To get kids up and ready as if for school!</i>	Reading	Maths work	Literacy Work	Lunch
Tuesday	Local Walk	Reading	Maths work	Literacy Work	Lunch
Weds	Local Walk	Reading	Maths work	Literacy Work	Lunch
Thursday	Local Walk	Reading	Maths work	Literacy Work	Lunch
Friday	Local Walk	Reading	Maths work	Literacy Work	Lunch

Afternoon	1.30-3.30	3.30-4.00
Monday	History Topic (Poster making)	Reading
Tuesday	Art Activity	Reading
Weds	Science Topic (Poster making)	Reading
Thursday	Topic choice (Poster making)	Reading
Friday	Golden Time indoor/outdoor games	Reading

Obviously this is only a suggested timetable and can be either used or adapted, but we do feel it will be helpful to put some kind of structure in place. As stated the online resources are free and very useful. Our learning packs are also useful, and of course reading is always a good option.

Outings may prove difficult as many places will be closed but **parks and walks** are a good option as long as the freedom to go out remains.

During closure we will endeavour to stay in touch and also to be available to answer questions via the school texting service, and possibly email. More info will follow on this

Thanks and best wishes everyone and let's try and look forward to normal life at Holmleigh returning as soon as possible.

Kevin Ward Head Teacher