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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**RE: Provision for work because of school closure due to Covid-19 (Corona Virus)**

This afternoon, the school closes indefinitely for most children. In line with Government guidelines, it will remain open for vulnerable children and the children of Key Workers. The school asked parents on Thursday 19th March to confirm if they were a Key Worker, and the Government has now confirmed their definition of Key Workers. This can be found on our school website. If it is possible for Key Workers to keep their children at home, they should do so. It is essential that only those children who qualify as vulnerable children, or those of Key Workers with no other childcare options, are in schools. Parents/ carers have a social responsibility to be honest, and work closely with us to follow government instructions carefully, minimise social contact and not put others at risk.

We have been working hard in school to ensure that the children's learning continues during the enforced closure. However, we appreciate that children completing work is dependent on children being well enough to do so.

The home learning information for each class can be found on the school website – please follow the tab on the front screen labelled 'Coronavirus'. When working at home, our expectations for learning will be set for the week, by the class teacher, every Monday morning by 9:30am. This will be emailed via Class Dojo and will also be posted on the school website, on the Coronavirus tab under Home Learning.

The class teacher will outline the learning for the coming week and will break down the learning into the days of the week. We have also included a possible timetable to show how you may like to structure your day around home learning. We recognise this may not work for everyone, but it is a starting point. Please note there will be no work set for the Easter holidays, but we will provide activities on our website that you may wish to complete with your children during this time.

Please be reassured that children of Key Workers attending school will be working through the home learning in school. We are providing them with child care and not education, and your child will not be at an educational disadvantage by not attending school.

Whilst communication with your child's class teacher is important during these unprecedented times, we do ask that parents remember that teachers will be working in school with children of the Key Workers, who are critical in the effective delivery of the government's response to COVID-19. Teachers will be communicating with many families and therefore all communications should be essential and succinct. Teaching staff will aim to respond to all communications within two working days and during working hours.

The school office will not be manned throughout the day after today, as we currently do not have any office staff in work. Please email [admin@sjna.uk](mailto:admin@sjna.uk) or ClassDojo as we will check both of these forms of communication regularly.

As a school, we continue to be guided by the DfE and Government, and will endeavour to update parents when further information is received.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during this unique and challenging time.

Yours sincerely

Kelly Dunne

Headteacher