

Coates Way School

17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we all know the situation regarding coronavirus changes rapidly and no sooner do we get one piece of information this is quickly followed by something else.

Currently, like all the schools in the Watford area, we have a high number of children away from school for one reason or another. This means that teaching the curriculum to smaller classes is becoming increasingly difficult for staff and there is every likelihood that we will not be teaching the curriculum for the foreseeable future. This cannot be helped.

There is a strong possibility that schools will close as we expect the number of staff to self-isolate will increase over the coming days and weeks meaning that we may not be able to cover classes safely.

You will recall that last week we sent out a letter that highlighted a number of websites that children can access to keep them involved with their learning. In addition, we will be sending home over the day few days, a pack of resources for each child that can be used if and when school closes.

Please note that these packs are for use only when school closes. They are **not** homework packs so we do not expect to see any work from the packs back in school in the coming days.

There is a need to remind everyone that these are very difficult times for all of us. You, as parents, may have to make difficult decisions if your child or a family member develops any of the symptoms of coronavirus as this means you will need to self-isolate for 14 days. Please ensure that you do the right thing to help protect the school community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Wells', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven Wells

Head teacher