

THE FEDERATION OF MIDDLEHAM (VA) AND SPENNITHORNE (VC) CE PRIMARY SCHOOLS



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Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Keeping children safe, happy and well is at the heart of every decision we make in school. In line with Public Health England's (PHE) advice and the Department for Education (DfE) we have been instructed to close as part of the national strategy to delay the further spread of this infection. Therefore, **with effect from 3.15pm on Friday 20th March 2020, The Federation of Middleham VA and Spennithorne VC CE Primary Schools will close for most pupils (except for children of key workers and our most vulnerable pupils – with a social worker or Educational Health Care Plan). School will remain closed until further notice.**

At this time, we have not been given any further details of these exceptional arrangements, including which schools in the locality will remain open or which children these schools will be open for. A full list of key worker categories will be published by the Cabinet Office and further details will follow.

In preparation for the outbreak affecting the school in this way, work has already been prepared for children to complete at home via learning packs being sent home with the children on Friday and access to Google Classroom. Your child has a user name and password stuck into their reading record but will need help accessing this to start with. During the first 2 weeks, we will add one piece per day but this will probably increase after the Easter holidays if we find ourselves still closed. We are also investigating on line classes using Google Meet or through the app ZOOM as this allows the lesson to be recorded and accessed at a later time.

It is our priority to ensure we provide and monitor learning opportunities for your child/ren. We would strongly encourage you to make sure your child accesses and completes the work set.

In terms of whole school communication, once school is closed, we intend to send messages and updates via email or through our text messaging system. You can contact either school in cases of emergency via email (as these are being monitored) or on our school mobile 07518 930210 between 9am and 10am, Monday to Friday.

The Governors and I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to every member of staff in our schools, who have shown kindness, professional gratitude, resilience in spades in these challenging circumstances and have worked at pace to prepare effectively for school closure. They really are an amazing team and I am so very proud to be part of this special federation.

Thank you for your continued partnership, support and understanding in this difficult time. Sending our love and best wishes from all at FEDMAS... stay safe and well.

Kind regards,

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Chair of Governors



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