



Jessop Stockwell Federation
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Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will know by now, the arrival of the new Coronavirus in the U.K. has created an unprecedented challenge for all parts of society — and schools like ours are no exception.

The government announced on Wednesday that schools across the country will close for most children “until further notice” at the end of this week. This means that when children go home for the weekend on Friday, in most cases, they won’t be coming back on Monday. There will be exceptions and schools will remain open to provide childcare for the children of government-designated “key workers” and also for the most vulnerable groups. It is not yet clear how long these measures will last.

We know that the challenge of caring for children at home will be enormous for many of our families, especially for those parents and carers trying to juggle jobs at the same time. We will do everything we can to help everyone in our community cope, but we know how difficult it will be.

The schools’ leaders have been preparing for this moment carefully and will be in touch with more details about how to support children’s education at home. As governors, we would like to thank all the staff, led by Mrs Parker, Mr Baffoe and Mr Morton, for working so hard to make sure children will continue to be able to learn safely.

We may need to be patient while the details of the new arrangements are finalised as much is still not yet clear from the government. What is clear, however, is that it will be vital to follow the official advice in the effort to defeat the virus as well as the guidance from teachers on how to support children’s learning at home.

A lot of work has gone into preparing for this situation across our schools. As governors, we are confident that working together with our whole community we can continue to give our children the education they deserve, and we will support each other through the difficult times ahead.

Our goal remains to keep all children healthy, happy and safe, and to help them achieve high standards through a creative and rewarding education. Closing the school gates does not change that - it merely reinforces our commitment to working with you to make it happen.

With all good wishes,

The Board of Governors



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