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Dear parents/carers,

It is with great sadness that I find myself in the unprecedented position of being instructed to close our academy. The academy will be closed to almost all children after Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and children should not come to school until further notice is given.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to offer provision for children of key workers, who need to go to work, and children who have a social worker and those with an EHCP. We are expecting the government to publish a full list of key workers today, however it would help us in the meantime, if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of the categories. Please contact us as soon as possible via e-mail at [enquiries@redwood.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@redwood.lincs.sch.uk) or by calling 01522 721156.

Even if you do fit into the key worker category, please bear in mind that government advice is to minimise social distancing in order to reduce the risk and spread of infection. In order to protect children, families and staff, I would suggest that if you have a viable alternative to continuing to send your child to school, then this should be considered first.

**All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.**

I will let you know when the academy is reopening by e-mail and I will also post the information on the academy website. Please ensure that if you need to update your contact details that you contact [enquiries@redwood.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@redwood.lincs.sch.uk) or call 01522 721156.

Your child's learning is important to us, so during the closure we will continue to support by providing you with home learning resources which can be completed independently by your child or with adult support. We have also included some practical activities.

Each child will bring home:

- A home learning booklet, containing maths, English and spelling work
- A practical ideas booklet
- Reading books
- A jotter to record work or creative tasks.

These packs can also be downloaded from our academy website and can be found under the tab 'Classes'. In addition, Year 6 have extra materials and Early Years have additional phonics materials.

We appreciate that keeping children engaged in their learning at home is not going to be an easy task and we suggest that you break the day into small chunks providing opportunities for your child to concentrate on their learning without distractions. Please remember that your child will also need regular exercise so ball games,

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skipping or hula hooping in the garden may be appropriate.

Please ensure that your child reads and spends time talking to you about what they have read and all children have access to Times Tables Rock Stars.

If you run out of ideas, then we have compiled a list of websites which can be found on the class pages of the academy website. We have endeavoured to check all the websites but I would advise that you rechecked the website before you allow your child access.

Please ensure that your child brings his/her completed home learning materials and jotter back to school when we return so that he/she can share their work with class teachers.

We appreciate the closure will have a massive impact on you and your family and it is far from an ideal scenario, but I will keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops. If you want to get in touch, please do not hesitate to do so via [enquiries@redwood.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@redwood.lincs.sch.uk).

Please use [NHS 111 online](#) if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next.

Thank you for your understanding at this difficult time and your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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