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Dear Parents and Carers,

At the time of writing, school is open and will remain open. This letter is based on the DfE advice at the current time.

Firstly, thank you for your support during these unprecedented times. I know that you are all risk assessing and managing situations in your own lives. In school we are challenged to carry out government advice whilst dealing with the changing messages given in the Prime Minister briefings at the end of each day. Please be assured that we have developed a fluid Coronavirus Action Plan in school. The plan is designed to capture all eventualities and give as much stability as we can during this time of uncertainty.

I am writing this letter to update you on the current situation. School is currently open, and will remain open, unless we have: advice from Public Health England following a suspected case of Coronavirus in school, a government directive to close schools or if my ability to run the school safely is compromised due to significant staff absence.

What to expect if our school is asked to close.

- Please access Spelling Shed and Timetables Rock Stars daily (log on details can be found in your child's reading record).
- Read daily for a minimum of 20 minutes. Complete at least 2 reading activities from the list provided per week as well as the project homework sent by class teachers.
- Class teachers will set your child Maths and English work daily via the Twitter pages. This work will be uploaded onto the school website <https://www.mesnelea.salford.sch.uk> Find info under 'School Updates – 'Class Updates'.
- Class pages on the website also have Knowledge Organisers and year group specific spellings.
- Under 'Parent Area' – 'Learning Zone' you will; find resources and learning support for the wider curriculum.
- We appreciate that not all students will have access to a PC each, we will ask teachers to be mindful that at best some students will be relying on a mobile device. Children will also be sent home with a Learning Pack with specific activities and pupils should ensure that any work done on paper is kept safe until school reopens.

Emergency Contacts

If there is a school closure the emergency contact number for school will be 07879810476 or 07879811507. This line will be staffed from 8-4pm on school days. The school email is: mesnelea.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk. Otherwise, the usual school number is the point of contact. Please be aware that we are experiencing an unprecedented number of calls at the moment, so please be patient.





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If you are concerned about your child's health, please look online for advice
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If you are still concerned please ring 111 for advice. In an emergency, for example if the patient is struggling to breathe, please ring 999.

What advice are we following?

As a school, we are following the government advice for schools contained on the DfE pages.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

We are mindful that the government is asking schools to stay open, however the Prime Minister is making announcements that impact on people's behaviour, making it increasingly difficult to keep schools staffed and safe, before closure becomes official government advice for schools. Please bear with us in these challenging times.

Trips and Events

Whilst it looks like trips will not be able to go ahead, we have to be careful not to be seen cancelling the trips ourselves. This would invalidate our travel insurance and make parents liable for the full cost of the cancelled trip. We are waiting for confirmation that the travel companies can't provide the trip you have purchased. Again, please bear with us on this.

For now, may I urge you to keep up the personal hand washing and hygiene, look after each other and watch out especially for those who are vulnerable.

Thank you for all your support, we appreciate it.

Mrs Cartwright
Acting Headteacher

